

Basic commodities up 15% at midnight New prices leave subsidies higher than before poll

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Finance Ministry last night ordered a general price rise of 15 per cent on subsidized basic commodities. Fuel and cooking gas went up by an average 13 per cent. The new prices are effective as of midnight last night.

The new prices leave all basic commodities heavily subsidized. Kol Yisrael said yesterday that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad decided to delay a reduction in subsidies until he conducts negotiations for a package-deal with the Histadrut.

The degree of subsidy is some 30 per cent higher than it was in March before the election campaign got under way. When he took over the Finance Ministry last October, Cohen-Orad's policy was to work towards lowering subsidies; but last night's adjustment freezes the present situation of relatively high subsidies.

The subsidy on most basic commodities is over 100 per cent, and in the case of bread much higher. Bread is subsidized by an average 130 per cent, oil and margarine by 100 per cent, eggs by 117 per cent, frozen chickens by 115 per cent, milk and milk products by 96 per cent.

All these commodities went up by 15 per cent last night. Here are some of the new prices, with the previous price in brackets:

	IS	IS
Standard loaf	31	(27)
White loaf	47	(41)
Hala	80	(70)
Oil, 630 gram	177	(154)
Margarine	62	(54)
Milk 1 litre	88	(75)
Cottage cheese	98	(86)
Eshel	33	(29)
Frozen mince meat		
1 kg.	1,127	(980)
Frozen chicken		
No. 11 kg.	565	(490)

The price of a 12-kilogram balloon of cooking gas rose from IS1.965 to IS2.220.

Following are the other new fuel prices:

91-octane petrol, per litre: IS138 (IS122)

96-octane petrol, per litre: IS163 (IS144)

Diesel fuel, per litre: IS111 (IS98)

Kerosene, per litre: IS115 (IS102)

Cooking gas, metered, per cubic metre: IS530.95 (IS459.70)

Mazut (heavy residual oil for industry) increased in price by 20 per cent.

Banks to pay interest on current accounts

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The big three commercial banks will start paying their customers interest on their credit balances in regular current accounts from tomorrow. To compensate themselves, the banks will raise the charges on each transaction that goes through an account by 130-170 per cent.

The introduction of current-account interest follows a long struggle between the Bank of Israel and the commercial banks. While the banks accepted the principle of paying interest, they refused to implement a system that would negatively affect their operating profits, which are just beginning to recover from last year's crisis. They demanded, in compensation, that the central bank agree to demands to bring

tariffs, commission rates and bank charges into line with their real costs. "The public should be paid interest on its money, and it should also pay fair charges for the services it receives," was how one banker described the trade-off.

According to the compromise finally reached, interest will be paid on current accounts, but it will be at a low rate, and hedged with conditions. The banks received a doubling of transaction charges, but almost nothing else.

Interest will be paid on credit balances of current accounts only when the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The account is of a "household" and not a business. Salary-earners' accounts will be considered households, but any account with an annual turnover of more than IS100,000 is not.

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'Black' dollar cheaper than 'white'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The black market dollar has been trading at about the IS325-IS330 level for the last few days, after heavy selling pulled its price down last week. At this level, the free market rate is 16-18 per cent above the official rate and this is barely more than the effective price of dollars purchased by travellers.

With the introduction of the 15 per cent levy on the dollar, travel allowance last week, the 1 per cent levy on all dollar purchases, and the higher rates bank charge for purchases of cash dollars, as well as their commissions, the real cost of a cash dollar in the banks is more than IS330, and of travellers' cheques (with their insurance costs) just a little less.

Thus, anyone buying dollars at IS325 is obtaining a bargain in terms of the cost in the banks. This unusual situation is thought to be the result of sales of dollars by people who bought in advance of their trips abroad, and are now selling to finance the payment of the new tax, and of dollars from official sources finding their way onto the black market and forcing prices down.

Fabius pledges cooperation with Israel

PARIS (JTA). — Prime Minister Laurent Fabius has promised in a letter to the Israeli Ambassador that he will "personally work at reinforcing the links of cooperation and friendship between France and Israel."

Fabius' promise of continuing and even reinforcing the policy of his predecessor, Pierre Mauroy, was included in a letter thanking Ambassador Ovadia Soffer for his message of congratulations upon his appointment as premier.

Generally, this sort of letter is a formal, routine message. However, Fabius used the opportunity to reassert his pro-Israel feelings.

The premier also said he and his government would do all they can to help Israel and the Arab states reach a just and lasting peace.

Sources close to Fabius, 37, himself a Jew, say the Israeli envoy will be one of the first foreign ambassadors he plans to meet. Soffer returned to Paris on Sunday from consultations in Israel.

Senior defence source: SLA proving itself, role to be expanded

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The South Lebanese Army has proved itself beyond Israel's original expectations and will gradually control more and more areas, a senior Israeli defence source said yesterday. However, he added, it was still impossible to predict when the Israel Defence Forces would be able to pull out of southern Lebanon.

The source disputed reports of a rise in the number of attacks on the IDF in Lebanon. He said that last month the number of attacks was the lowest in the past six months. There had also been a drop in the number of casualties.

The source recalled that six months ago the Israeli defence establishment had been pessimistic when asked about the SLA's prospects of reducing the IDF's burden in South Lebanon.

He said that several months ago the commander of an IDF division in Lebanon had reported that the removal of the SLA would not change his

division's deployment and operations. In other words, the SLA played no role in that commander's calculations.

But now, the general assumption is that the SLA can help reduce the burden on the IDF. Israel has already transferred to it responsibility for large sectors of Sidon and is about to assign SLA soldiers to Nabatiya, the second largest city in Lebanon, where the IDF has often been attacked.

The source said the IDF will continue to hand over responsibility for security "wherever the SLA can handle it."

But Israel is still "far" from leaving the entire matter in the SLA's hands and even in the more distant future the SLA will probably require Israeli aid in crucial situations.

Nor is it clear when Israel could withdraw to the international border, the source said. He said Israel does not have full control over various elements who would help determine that date —



Agudat Yisrael leaders Menahem Porush (left) and Avraham Shapira at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

University in Nablus is shut for four months

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Nablus Civil Administration yesterday ordered the closure of a Najah University in the town for four months following the seizure of a large quantity of alleged pro-PLO propaganda at a student campus exhibition late on Sunday night.

Two truckloads of pamphlets, placards, leaflets and magazines were confiscated by the military authorities, on the grounds that they are "nationalistic and provocative."

They also discovered books on guerrilla warfare, instructions on making bombs, an axe, chains, a knuckle duster, knives, and two model automatic rifles.

The late night raid on the Nablus campus followed information received about the contents of a "Palestine Week" exhibition that has been touring West Bank campuses for the past few months. Six weeks ago a similar exhibition at the Hebron Islamic University was raided and material considered by the authorities as likely to incite nationalistic passions was seized.

A statement issued by the Judea and Samaria civil administration said that a university official accompanied the officers and soldiers who entered the campus.

Yesterday the campus was surrounded by troops manning roadblocks but no unrest was reported. A student and two campus guards are

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PLO reconciliation talks to begin today

TUNIS (Reuters). — A high-level meeting intended to put finishing touches to a reconciliation agreement between major factions of the PLO is due to begin in Algiers today, PLO officials in Tunis said yesterday.

Khaled al-Hassan, spokesman for the PLO's mainstream Fatah group, said the Algiers meeting aimed to set a date for convening the Palestine National Council, which has been repeatedly delayed by intra-PLO differences.

It is the latest in a tortuous series of negotiations to reconcile Arafat's Fatah groups with the so-called "Democratic Alliance" of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Palestine Liberation Front and the Palestine Communist Party.

Hassan said the Fatah delegation would be headed by Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), Arafat's military deputy. He said the other PLO factions were expected to be represented by their leaders, including the PFLP's George Habash and the DFLP's Nayef Hawatmeh.

If the presence of Habash and Hawatmeh is confirmed, it will be the highest-level meeting between Fatah and the four recalcitrant factions since last year. Previous meetings have been at the level of deputy leaders.

The "Democratic Alliance" broke off relations with Arafat after his December visit to Cairo, which is boycotted by most Arab states due to its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

After months of sporadic talks, the five factions signed a peace accord in Algiers on July 13, but put off a decision on when to hold the 17th session of the PNC, which last met in Algiers in February last year.

Hassan said he expected the Algiers meeting finally to agree on a date for the PNC — a forum which Arafat's supporters see as reconfirming his leadership of the PLO after more than a year of in-fighting.

If no agreement was reached on a date, the PNC would be held nevertheless in mid-September — the deadline for convening the forum agreed at previous talks, he said.

Arafat, meanwhile, returned to his Tunis headquarters overnight from a tour of Arab and far eastern countries.

Two cars blow up in S. Lebanon village

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Two cars, one of them heavily laden with explosives, blew up early yesterday in the village of Nakura in South Lebanon but caused no casualties, an Israel Defence Forces spokesman said.

"We are investigating to determine whether the explosions were part of a local gang war or whether one of the cars was being prepared for terrorist action against us," the spokesman said.

He added that an anti-tank rocket was fired at an IDF position in the area of Hasbaya yesterday but missed its target.

In a third incident, a roadside bomb exploded as an IDF patrol passed near the village of Tibnin, the spokesman said. There were no casualties.

Sunday and yesterday there were a total of nine attempts to attack IDF soldiers in South Lebanon, part of a general increase in terror attempts there in recent days.

Herzog, Labour, Likud start informal talks

President Chaim Herzog moves to centre-stage in the coalition drama this morning, meeting first with Alignment leaders and then with a Likud team at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem.

The president has dubbed these talks as "informal," since they are to be held before the election results have been officially gazetted. Herzog's intention, according to his bureau, is to ascertain the "genuine positions" of the two major blocs on establishing a unity government.

Yitzhak Shamir for Likud and Shimon Peres for the Alignment will each seek to persuade the president that his party has the better prospect of forming a narrow-based government — and therefore deserves to be given the presidential mandate to try to form a broad-based one.

The difficulty, however, — and this is probably the first time that a president has faced such a difficulty — is that neither of the big parties seems capable at this time of forming a narrow-based government.

Thus a unity government may be not merely a desirable option, but the only option. And yet the two parties and their various allies are locked in dispute over who should head such a government.

The two, however, are united in the belief that the president's choice, which will probably be made before the week's end, may well be crucial.

Even though in legal theory the president's first choice need not be his final choice, and if the candidate fails to set up a coalition in 42 days

the president can turn to someone else, in practice — given the dire state of the economy — there will doubtless be intense public pressure on all the parties to conclude their bargaining as quickly as possible with whomever the president chooses.

Economists and businessmen are warning that the country can hardly afford a 42-hour delay, let alone 42 days.

The Alignment is not sending its top trio to this first, "informal" consultation. Its delegation will be led by Labour Party Secretary-General Haim Bar-Lev, and will include Knesset Members Moshe Shahal, Uzi Baram and Edna Solodar, and Mapam representative Hanan Erez. They will meet with the president at 9 a.m. for a scheduled hour-and-a-half session.

Alignment sources yesterday placed significance in the fact that the Alignment had been invited to meet with the president first. A Likud delegation will meet with Herzog immediately afterwards.

The Alignment delegation will request that the president entrust Peres with the task of forming the next government, as leader of the largest Knesset faction. They will express the Alignment's desire to form "as widely based a government as possible."

Milo said Likud would not attend tomorrow's meeting but would come to the President only on Wednesday.

Chaim Herzog was a Labour Alignment Knesset member before being elected president last year.

The president's bureau responded vigorously to Milo's statement, expressing shock and amazement. Beit Hanassi noted that Herzog had decided to advance the consultations after conferring with both Prime Minister Shamir and Alignment leader Shimon Peres.

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President's decision triggers squabble

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President Herzog's decision to advance his "informal" consultations to this morning triggered an ugly public altercation yesterday between his bureau and Likud Knesset faction chairman Ronnie Milo.

Milo impliedly charged the president with partiality. In a statement, Milo noted that Herzog was "a member of Labour" and accused him of advancing the consultations so as to thwart the Likud's efforts to woo the religious parties into a coalition.

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Israeli weightlifter Meir Daloya falls to the floor while trying to lift 125 kilos at the Los Angeles Olympic Games on Sunday. (UPI telephoto).

Olympic records fall in second day of games

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A world record and two more olympic swimming records fell yesterday while blades crossed, horses and riders took their turns and rowers sprinted over the water, in the second day of olympic competition, held under clear, smog-free skies.

Eight medals were at stake: one each in cycling, shooting and weightlifting and five in swimming. West German star Michael Gross was pursuing two more of them after cracking a world swim record on the opening day, while China also was seeking to add to its collection of four medals.

The U.S. 800-metre freestyle relay team set a world record with a time of seven minutes, 18.87 seconds in qualifying competition.

The team of Geoff Gaberino, David Larson, Bruce Hays and Rich Saeger smashed the previous record of 7:20.40 held by West Germany.

The final olympic record of swimming great Mark Spitz was struck from the record book yesterday in the men's 100 metre butterfly qualifying event by Gross, and then bettered by American Pablo Morales.

Gross, who won his first gold with a world record in the 200m freestyle, broke Spitz's record of 54.27 seconds (set at the 1972 Munich games) by .25 seconds. Then Morales, the world record holder in the event at 53.38, posted a qualifying time of 53.78 for the new olympic mark.

Canadian Alex Baumann, meanwhile, set another olympic record in the men's 400-metre individual medley preliminaries with a time of four minutes, 22.46 seconds. Baumann, the world record-holder with a time of 4:17.53, beat the Olympic standard of 4:22.89, set in 1980 by Aleksander Sidorenko of the Soviet Union.

Swimmers Yoram Kochavi in the 400m individual medley got through to final B, but Hadar Rubinstein in the 200m freestyle managed to finish only fifth in her heat and failed to advance to the final round.

The most respectable showing by Israeli athletes was by Meir Daloya, who placed 10th in the 52kg weightlifting finals, with a combined snatch and jerk of 215kg.

In the gymnastics preliminaries, Yohanan Moray placed 67th and Yaacov Levy 69th out of 70 competitors. (Olympic reports-page 4.)

Fears of Israeli attack Plan for Iraq pipeline to Aqaba founders

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Plans to build an oil export pipeline from Iraq through Jordan might founder because of problems in guaranteeing its security against possible Israeli attacks, *The Middle East Economic Survey* reported yesterday.

Iraq's oil exports have been cut to less than one million barrels per day by the closure of its Gulf oil ports by its 46-month-old war with Iran, and the pipeline through Jordan was one solution mooted to solve the problem.

The usually well-informed newsletter also reported that Iraq was now seeking to expand its only existing pipeline through Turkey to the Mediterranean, and said contracts would soon be awarded for another line through Saudi Arabia to the Red Sea.

It said Iraq and Jordan were seeking guarantees for the proposed \$970-million pipeline to the Jordanian Red Sea port of Aqaba, which would involve Iraq of repayments to the project's lenders if the oil flow through the pipeline were halted by a hostile act by a third party.

Such guarantees would be a "bitter, and unprecedented, pill for international banks to swallow," the newsletter said.

"Political" guarantees that Israel would not attack would not be sufficient, it quoted Iraqi officials as saying.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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AMSTERDAM	15	7	20	Clear
BRUSSELS	15	6	21	Clear
BRUSSELS	15	6	21	Clear
CHICAGO	18	9	26	Clear
COPENHAGEN	15	6	21	Clear
DENVER	12	4	20	Clear
GENEVA	15	6	21	Clear
HELSINKI	14	7	19	Clear
HONG KONG	25	15	35	Clear
JAKARTA	25	15	35	Clear
LONDON	15	6	21	Clear
LOS ANGELES	25	15	35	Clear
MONTREAL	15	6	21	Clear
NEW YORK	15	6	21	Clear
PARIS	15	6	21	Clear
SAO PAULO	15	6	21	Clear
STOCKHOLM	15	6	21	Clear
TOKYO	25	15	35	Clear
TORONTO	15	6	21	Clear
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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	41	17-24	25
Nablus	42	16-26	25
Safed	42	16-24	23
Hatifa Port	59	24-29	28
Tiberias	44	20-32	32
Nazareth	52	18-26	26
Afula	48	18-30	30
Sharon	47	19-27	26
Tel Aviv	47	22-29	28
B-G Airport	50	21-28	28
Jericho	54	22-30	34
Gaza	58	23-28	28
Beersheba	41	21-29	28
Eilat	21	25-37	36

Yadin's Shloshim

A military Shloshim memorial ceremony marking the 30th day since Yigael Yadin's death was held at his graveside in the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem yesterday.

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy laid a wreath on the grave of the Israel Defence Forces' second chief of staff. Wreaths were also laid on behalf of the government by Energy and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman and on behalf of the Knesset by Speaker Menahem Savidor.

The Kaddish prayer was recited by Yadin's brother, actor Yosef Yadin. After the ceremony, Yosef Yadin, along with those who desecrated their father's grave, because he was an archeologist, not to desecrate Yigael's.

NABLUS

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being held for questioning. The civil administration denied earlier reports that 10 persons had been arrested.

Later in the day the local civil administration officer summoned the university board chairman, Hikmat al-Masri, and informed him that the university is to remain closed for four months.

University spokesman Sa'eb Erakat said last night that since June 1983 there had been no conflict between soldiers and the students. "The authorities know that there is a bitter and at times violent conflict between student factions inside the campus, between the Communists and the Muslim Brotherhood."

"The knives and chains they discovered were linked to this internal conflict and were not meant to be used against the soldiers," he said.

The closure of the university will delay the opening of the academic year scheduled for October. Nearly 1,000 high-school pupils who were to begin academic studies this year will have to wait a year because they will not be able to attend a compulsory pre-academic course planned for the remaining summer months. Another 700 students who were scheduled to graduate will be delayed because they will lose a semester of studies, Erakat said.

"A-Najah is the first to pay the price of the Israeli elections. In the face of the apparent impossibility of forming an Israeli government, I suppose we can expect more decisions like that," he said.

The military authorities alleged yesterday that the university authorities and the student leaders had been warned repeatedly over the past few months that some of their activities had turned the campus into a focus of nationalist activity and would eventually provoke a closure.

A-Najah has been closed for relatively short periods in the past, and has been closed by the students or the university authorities repeatedly over the past year because of factional violence on campus.

The weapons, including a plastic model of an M-16 rifle and a wooden model of a Kalashnikov, were seized in the offices of the student organizations.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Row over new regulations

Foreign charter firms threaten end to flights

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Foreign charter companies are reportedly threatening to stop service to Israel if new government regulations restricting charter flights are put into effect. This could seriously hurt tourism here.

The new regulations, due to take effect tomorrow, stipulate that charter flights between Ben-Gurion airport and cities within 150 kilometres of an airport served by a scheduled carrier may not include both passengers whose trip originates in Israel and those who started out abroad.

The rationale behind this move is that tour operators wish to fill their flights with passengers who buy tickets both here and abroad, thus minimizing the risk of having empty seats.

By preventing operators from flying Israelis and foreigners in the same plane, the government increases this risk and forces the operators to raise their prices. That, in turn, reduces the difference in price between charter lines and scheduled operators.

The policy was devised to help El Al, which unlike the charters, must operate year-round and whose revenues are meagre. El Al is supposed to make up for poor tourist traffic in the winter season by handsome profits in the peak season.

The Transport Ministry restrictions had been passed last year but were not implemented after Maof and Arkia had won a temporary injunction against them from the High Court of Justice. But several weeks ago the High Court turned

down the appeal and the Civil Aviation Administration set August 1 as the deadline for implementation.

Another appeal, by the British tour operator Ibesco, was turned down yesterday and the company was ordered to pay IS300,000 in court expenses.

Arkia and Maof are planning to circumvent the regulations by flying planes to Jerusalem's Atarot airport to pick up 20 per cent of passengers. Then the planes will land at Ben-Gurion to collect the others. That, airline officials explained, will enable them to describe the flight as originating in Jerusalem - and not Ben-Gurion - and thus free them from the charter restrictions.

In an interview at Arkia headquarters yesterday, company secretary Dan Ya'ari told *The Jerusalem Post* the airline was planning various incentives to induce passengers to board in Jerusalem. He said, however, that each flight out of the capital will cost Arkia \$2,000 to \$2,500.

The main problem will apparently affect operators chartering foreign carriers. Arkia and Maof can tell the Israeli authorities that their flights originate in Jerusalem and tell the foreign authorities that they originate at Ben-Gurion. But foreign governments do not permit their own planes to land at Atarot, since it is considered to be in occupied territory.

Ya'ari told *The Post* that the French and Dutch authorities have warned Israel that if their carriers are restricted in their flights here, they will restrict Israeli airlines in retaliation.

More attacks on policemen as crime rate up

The crime rate in the first half of this year continued to rise, with the steepest increase registered in attacks on policemen.

This was disclosed in a police report issued yesterday at National Police headquarters in Jerusalem.

In the first six months of 1984, there were 1,062 attacks on policemen, 21.8 per cent more than in the same period last year.

Criminal offences in general were up by 8.8 per cent, the report said. Among specific crimes listed were rape (120 cases, up 6 per cent); robberies (294, up 24 per cent); and arson (802, up 15.7 per cent).

There were 18,433 burglaries in apartments and private homes, up 12 per cent. But the 10,303 break-ins at business establishments represented a decrease of 1.7 per cent. (Iim)

Hijackers release 4 in return for water

CARACAS (Reuters). - Hijackers holding a Venezuelan airliner on the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao have freed four passengers in return for water, an airport spokesman told Reuters by phone.

The passengers - two adults, a child and a baby - are all from the Dutch Antilles, the spokesman said. He could not identify them.

The plane, a DC-9 of the Venezuelan airline Aeropostal, arrived here this morning from Aruba after being seized yesterday on a regular flight to Curacao. There were 87 people aboard.

The spokesman said the four passengers were freed as part of a deal

with the hijackers to supply water, food, ice and sanitation. He assumed more passengers would be freed as other items were provided.

He said one of the hijackers was a Haitian named Hilariente Dominique.

The jetliner landed at this Dutch island yesterday after the hijackers' threats to blow up the plane on the nearby island of Aruba failed to gain them their demands.

The plane arrived at Hato airport less than 30 minutes after it took off from Aruba. Curacao was the Aeropostal DC-9's original destination when it was hijacked on Sunday out of Caracas.

New bridge opened across Tigris River

BAGHDAD (Reuters). - Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan yesterday opened a new 600-metre bridge across the Tigris River in the centre of Baghdad.

The bridge, built by the South Korean Daewoo Construction Company, cost \$37 million and was com-

pleted in 38 months.

The opening of the new "Al-Rashid" spans brings to 12 the number of bridges in the city, which has a population of four million. Five of the bridges have been built since the start of Iraq's war with Iran in September 1980.

Freij permitted to bring foreign funds to Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM (Iim). - The Israel Defence Forces coordinator in Judea and Samaria has permitted Bethlehem mayor Elias Freij to bring \$1.5 million raised in the U.S. to his town. The source of most of the money is actually Saudi Arabia, and was secured through the efforts of Bandar ibn Sultan, the Saudi ambassador to the U.S.

Old buses in areas ordered replaced

The Judea and Samaria Civil Administration has ordered the local bus companies to withdraw buses manufactured earlier than 1957. The companies will be compensated to the tune of IS2 million per bus towards the purchase of new buses.

Japan-Soviet talks on Mid-East for August

TOKYO (Reuters). - Japan and the Soviet Union will hold talks on the Middle East in Moscow beginning in mid-August, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

The meeting will be the first between the two nations to discuss situations in third countries, although previous talks have been held on UN-related matters, he said.

The two countries will exchange views on the Iran-Iraq war and the situation in Lebanon in particular, the official said.

COMMITTEE. - An action committee for Ethiopian Jews has been set up in Safed to help olim from Ethiopia living in the town to observe the Sabbath and preserve their spiritual heritage.

New York state university sought Saudi funds

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. - Disclosures in a New York weekly that the State University at New York at Stony Brook, Long Island, secretly solicited funds from Saudi Arabia for an Islamic Studies Department have renewed controversy around the university's president, John Marburger III.

Last year he angered Jewish leaders by refusing to condemn a black South African professor at Stony Brook who taught that "Zionism is racism."

University documents printed in the *Village Voice* reveal that last September, when Marburger was informing New York Jewish com-

munity leaders that academic freedom prevented him from reprimanding Prof. Ernest Dube for teaching his class that "Zionism, Nazism, and apartheid are the three forms of racism," he had empowered a local businessman with connections in the Arab world to contact top Saudi government officials about securing funding for an \$11 million Islamic Studies Department at the Long Island campus.

The businessman, Colin Jupp, reported that Prince Sultan bin Fahd, the son of King Fahd, had "received the programme details" and wanted to visit Stony Brook as soon as possible. However, for reasons not yet known, the prince never visited Stony Brook, and the university never made a formal request for Saudi funding.

Further complicating relations between Marburger and the Jewish community was the revelation that five months ago the university had informed the *Long Island Jewish World* newspaper that it had "no correspondence or documents" relating to attempts to establish chairs of learning funded by Middle East



Carrie Steinseifer (left) hugs Nancy Hogghead after the two Americans tied for the gold medal in the 100-metre freestyle competition on the opening day of the Olympic Games on Sunday (Sport, Page 4).

Soviet Jews issue direct aliya plea

PARIS (JTA). - A group of 118 Jewish families in the Soviet Union have written French President Francois Mitterrand, asking him to help them obtain an exit visa and leave for Israel.

This is the first time that Soviet Jews have not asked for help to join their families abroad, but say they wish to leave for Israel. A copy of the letter was made available to French newsmen in Moscow.

The 118 families - from Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa and other major cities - say they "feel no hostility towards the Soviet Union," but want to leave for their own country, Israel. They say their departure is urgent because of their "unbearable

conditions."

The Soviet authorities have contended for some time now that the process of family reunification, their excuse for granting emigration visas to Jews, has been exhausted and that all Jews who wished to join their families abroad have already done so.

It is apparently in order to avoid seeing their plea for emigration disregarded by the Russians on this pretext that the 118 families have asked outright for an emigration visa for Israel, with no other explanations.

Jewish sources say that more than 25,000 Jews in the Soviet Union are still waiting for their exit visas.

BANKS TO PAY INTEREST

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thorized overdraft (*havad*), even of an individual, will be considered a "business" account.

• The account runs a credit balance over three day periods set by the banks - the 1-3 of the month, 4-6, 7-9 and so on. The 31st day of a month will count as a separate period for this purpose.

• The credit balance is not less than the equivalent of \$50 on any of the three days. If it is below that level for even one day no interest will be paid on the whole period.

• Interest will be paid on the balances up to the equivalent of \$300. Larger sums, if left in current accounts, will not earn anything.

The interest payable will be not less than 40 per cent of the current prime rate. This is about to rise to 18.5 per cent, so the banks could pay a minimum of 7.5 per cent monthly. But two banks - Leumi and Discount - will be paying 9 per cent, and Hapoalim has decided to pay 9.25 per cent, exactly half the prime rate.

Another difference has emerged over the dollar rate that will be used for measuring the \$50 and \$300 floor and ceiling figures. Leumi will use the representative rate published by the Bank of Israel on the 15th of the month for the entire month, while Discount will use the rate on the first of the month.

Since the earlier rate is lower, more Discount customers will fall into the \$50+ category, but more large Discount customers will be over the \$300 ceiling.

On the charge side of the account,

the banks are increasing the cost of each transaction in current accounts by 100 per cent, over and above the 15-20 per cent increase that would have been effected at the beginning of each month in any case.

So each transaction in the account while it is in credit will cost 32-33 shekels, compared to 12 in July, and each "in" or "out" in an overdraft account will cost IS80, up from IS35.

All the banks readily admit that the higher cost structure is meant to deter the public from over-use of their accounts and reduce the burden on the bank's networks, which are at full stretch in the hyper-inflationary atmosphere.

The current-account interest payments are also designed to eliminate many deposits in *tapas* and *pakam* accounts of sums up to IS100,000. The numerous small transactions tie up the banks' computers and staff and are therefore losing propositions.

Leumi charges each transaction on the basis of whether the account was in the red or the black on a given day, while Discount defines credit and debit on the basis of a monthly average, and regards a debit of up to IS2,500 as still being "in the black" for the purposes of transaction costs.

The Discount approach will result in large corporate customers with many transactions and few credit days paying more charges, while individual customers who are careful not to slip into the red will benefit. Leumi will receive higher charges from any salary earners who stray even slightly into overdraft.

W. German cabinet in special session

BONN (Reuters). - A dispute over the environment forced West Germany's governing coalition party leaders into emergency session yesterday and compelled the return of vacationing parliamentary deputies.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl broke off an Austrian holiday in an effort to quell a rebellion in the small Free Democratic Party (FDP) and present a united government front over the starting up of a coal-burning power station without pollution controls.

Parliament is expected to hold an extraordinary session today to discuss the issue, controversial in this

stronghold of environmentalists where concern over pollution-induced "acid rain" has been especially marked.

The government wants the Buschhaus plant, near Helmstedt on the border with East Germany, to go on stream without waiting for development of equipment to siphon off the thousands of tons of poisonous sulphur dioxide it would emit.

MEMORIAL. - The Barak Brigade of the Armoured Corps yesterday dedicated two memorial sites on the Golan Heights for the 180 of its soldiers who fell in the country's wars.

Last U.S. Marine combat unit quits Beirut in dawn pullout

BEIRUT. - The last U.S. Marine combat force in Lebanon, the remnant of a series of amphibious units stationed here for almost two years, began its pullout at dawn yesterday to American navy ships offshore.

The operation ends the 22-month American military presence in Lebanon, and coincides with a move of U.S. Embassy offices to two new sites in the capital and its suburbs.

The marines departing yesterday were part of a 90 to 100-man unit stationed in West Beirut to guard the U.S. Embassy compound on the seaside Corniche Boulevard, following a suicide bombing in April last year against the embassy that left 63 dead, including 17 Americans.

U.S. officials said earlier that once the embassy had moved out of the conspicuous compound on the seafloor to another building 500 metres away, the marine amphibious unit would not be needed and would go on other missions or return home.

The British Embassy, which is in the same compound, moved to another building in West Beirut last week.

Meanwhile, there were no reports of violence in Beirut yesterday as the marine pullout was under way. The beginning of the operation at dawn came only hours after Druse and Sunni Moslem militiamen fought for three hours with rocket-propelled grenades and rifle fire in West Beirut. The fighting left two persons dead and 15 wounded.

In Tripoli yesterday gunmen killed the leader of a leftist militia involved in fighting with a rival faction in this northern Lebanese port.

security sources said. Armed men broke into the home of Nabli Al-Hafez, leader of the Nasserite Organization, killed him and wounded two other members of the group, the sources said.

The Nasserite Organization had earlier fought small-arms battles with a rival leftist group called the Nasser Forces, in which several people were wounded, they added.

The sources said the battle was limited to one part of Tripoli and did not affect annual school-leaving examinations being held elsewhere in the city.

A dispute over the venue for the exams sparked four days of fierce fighting last week between Sunni Moslem fundamentalists and pro-Syrian militiamen, in which at least 37 persons were killed and about 200 wounded. (AP, Reuters)

U.S. helicopter crashes in Red Sea

CAIRO (AP). - A helicopter based on a ship chartered to the U.S. Navy crashed into the Gulf of Suez in the Red Sea off the Egyptian coast yesterday, but the four crew members were rescued, apparently unharmed, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

The spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Cairo said that the crash appeared to have been caused by headwinds while the chopper was on a supply mission for a civilian ship chartered to the navy.

The vessel is undertaking survey work for Egypt's Suez Canal Authority.

INFORMAL TALKS

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the largest faction only if the broader backing amounts to 61 seats.

That was the case 10 months ago - and Herzog indeed chose Shamir over Peres.

This time, however, even the Likud's most generous calculation amounts to only 58 seats - and that includes both the NRP and Agudat Yisrael, neither of which has given categorical affirmations of allegiance to the Likud.

The Alignment is looking to Ezer Weizman, head of Yahad (three seats), to boost its prospects when his turn comes around to confer with the president. Alignment leaders hope that Weizman and his close allies, Aharon Abuhazzeira (Tami - one seat) and Yigael Hurvitz (Ometz - one seat), will recommend to the president the creation of a unity government under the largest faction, the Alignment.

Peres met with Weizman for an hour yesterday. Weizman is due to meet with Shamir today.

Peres and other Alignment leaders were also in telephone contact with various religious party figures. Alignment sources purport not to attach much weight to the pro-Likud public utterances of the religious politicians. These sources maintain that competition between the religious parties over portfolios, as well as personal rivalries, will prevent the evolution of a religious bloc in alliance with Likud.

The Alignment, on the other hand, they note, may be able to make do with only two of the religious parties - and thus would be more accommodating to their demands.

The Alignment sources confirmed that their party is now showing a willingness to compromise over religious issues, in particular the so-called "Who is a Jew" legislation and the proposed archeology bill. Earlier in the negotiations, Labour was liberal with its portfolio offers, but less forthcoming on the legislation, which it has consistently opposed in the past.

But this Alignment attitude seems to have made scant impact so far on the religious parties. Yesterday Agudat Yisrael's two members, Avraham Shapira and Menahem Porush, made pro-Likud remarks after emerging from a three-hour meeting with Shamir.

They were careful, though, not to close their options - as was the NRP's Yosef Burg in his public statements. Burg said his party favoured a unity government "under whomever the president chooses to form a government." But he also spoke of the NRP's attachment to its present partnership with Likud.

Alignment sources hope that pressures within Burg's own Lamina faction, and the reported inclination of Ze'evulun Hammer's Young Guard faction to favour the Alignment, will yet carry the day in the NRP. The Alignment hopes

are aware, however, that NRP's No.3 MK Avner Scialy strongly inclines towards Likud and that in this he represents strong grass-roots sentiment in the party.

Among the Alignment's two staunch allies, Shinui and the Citizens' Rights Movement, there was discomfit yesterday over the reports of Alignment offers of far-reaching compromises to the religious parties.

Shinui's Mordechai Virshupski told *The Jerusalem Post* his party would not join a coalition under the Alignment if it pledged to amend the "Who is a Jew" law. He conceded, though, that Shinui would still give its support to such a coalition from the outside.

"We are willing to enter into negotiations with the religious parties and hear what they have to say," said Virshupski. We represent a secular, anti-clerical public that does not want stricter religious laws, but no one (the Alignment) has asked us, at all, as if we're in the Alignment's pocket."

CRM leaders yesterday refused to detail what concessions, if any, they would agree to make to persuade the religious parties to join in coalition with the Alignment. "At present we're concentrating our efforts on getting Peres to be the one whom the president will ask to form the government. When we reach negotiations over specific issues we'll make our position known," CRM MK Ran Cohen said.

Herzog spoke with Shamir again yesterday morning and was assured that the Likud would send its representatives, despite the Milo statement.

Formal consultations with the parties will begin tomorrow, when Herzog will again see leaders of the Alignment and of the Likud, followed by heads of Tehiya, the NRP and Shas - the Sephardi Torah Observers. The parties will be invited according to their size in the Eleventh Knesset. Herzog has not yet invited the other parties, and has not yet announced whether Meir Kahane and his Kach associates will indeed be included in the consultations.

The president expects to conclude his consultations by Friday and thereafter decide which MK to invite to try to form a government coalition.

Many ordinary citizens called the Beit Hanassi switchboard yesterday with messages of support for Herzog's determination to bring about a national unity government.

Farewell luncheon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Closing shortly for renovation Petah Tikva cinema won't halt Shabbat films

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Heichal Cinema in Petah Tikva will continue operating on Friday night until it closes for renovations, the Petah Tikva municipal spokesman said yesterday. He was commenting on reports that Alignment leaders were pressuring Mayor Dov Tavori, an Alignment member, to close the cinema as a concession to the religious parties.

Tavori's position on operating the cinema on Friday night is well known to the public, said the spokesman. Tavori himself told Kol Yisrael that both the religious and non-religious residents of Petah Tikva should have "100 percent rights."

He said that he would consider an approach by Alignment leaders to close the cinema on Friday nights if a coalition depended on this, "when such a request comes."

On the same programme, Alignment Knesset Member Menahem Hacohen, the rabbi of the moshav movement, said that Labour party leaders had repeatedly asked Tavori to close the cinema on Fridays, "long before the elections," but Tavori had refused.

It is not clear when the renovation is to begin, but some reports said that the cinema may close before the end of the week. The renovation will

turn the cinema into a three-cinema building, which will then continue with Friday night films.

The Shinit faction in Petah Tikva's municipal council yesterday supported Tavori's statement that the cinema will continue operating Friday nights and denounced what it called "the attempt to trade the civil rights of Petah Tikva's residents as part of the coalition negotiations."

The opening of the Heichal Cinema and other entertainment centres in Petah Tikva "concerns this town's residents only and is within the authority of the town's municipal executive, which was lawfully elected by the residents," the Shinit statement said.

"It is absurd that national negotiations to form a government should interfere with the internal affairs of Petah Tikva's residents," Shinit MK Mordechai Virshupski said yesterday. He said that any promise made to the religious parties by Alignment leaders was not agreed on by Shinit. Virshupski was commenting on reports that Alignment leaders had agreed, as a gesture of good will to the religious parties, to close the Heichal Cinema on Friday nights. The closure of the cinema is said to be one of the demands made by the religious parties as a condition for joining a coalition with either of the big parties.

Hadera mother appeals to missing son

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The mother of Hadera schoolboy Yosef Gukman, who has been missing from home for more than two weeks, yesterday appealed to her son: "Please come back or at least let us know you are all right."

Marcel Gukman said his son had run away on previous occasions but had always returned after a day or two.

"We are all very worried about Yosef. Since he left, my husband has not been to work and has spent all his time looking for Yosef—in Tel Aviv, Netanya and all the other places we thought he might be."

"We have been in touch with all his friends but nobody has seen or heard from him. I just hope that he is

okay and that he will get in touch with us soon," she said.

Yosef, 14, left his home in the Givat Olga quarter of Hadera 18 days ago following a quarrel with his father. He took with him some records which he said he was going to return to a friend.

The Hadera police yesterday issued a description of Gukman. He is 1.78 metres tall, with fair hair and a round face. When he left home he was wearing blue jeans, a red-and-blue shirt and sport shoes.

Superintendent Yitzhak Lifshitz, head of the Hadera district, said anybody with information regarding Gukman's whereabouts should contact the Hadera police at 063-31444 or the nearest police station.

Israel complains about Soviet mail delivery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israeli delegate to the congress of the World Postal Union, meeting in Hamburg, West Germany, has attacked the Soviet Union for impeding the delivery of letters and packages sent from Israel.

Eltan Lachman, head of postal services at the Communications Ministry, was backing up a com-

plaint from 10 Western European countries, which also said that mail from these countries to the Soviet Union was delayed and sometimes not delivered at all.

The Soviet delegate to the congress said that the delivery of mail from his country was an internal matter and none of the business of the congress.

IS\$3.5m. takings grabbed by youth on way to bank

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A fuel-station manager was robbed of IS\$3.5 million on Sunday evening.

Ya'acov Ben-Zvi had the money in a bag, which a youth snatched from him as he was about to enter a bank in Rehov Herzl to deposit the money. The IS\$3.5m. represented three day's earnings: IS\$2.5m. in cash and IS\$1m. in cheques.

Three local Druse released from Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff

Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche yesterday summoned Pierre Yazbek, head of the Lebanese Christian Agency, to thank him for helping to secure the recent release of three Israeli Druse citizens who had been held by the Phalange Lebanese Forces militia, a Foreign Ministry source said last night.

The source said the Druse had entered Lebanon by mistake.

The Lebanese Christian Agency is the Phalange liaison office in Jerusalem, and has semi-diplomatic status.

35,000 use Eran

Thirty-five thousand Israelis contacted the voluntary service Eran (The Israeli Society for Mental First Aid) this year and asked to talk to someone about their problems.

A recent survey showed that 54 per cent of the callers were women. The commonest complaints were depression due to loneliness, feelings of desperation and fear.



Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy watches a performance this week with orphans of Israel Defence Forces soldiers at a summer camp held at the Soldiers' Welfare Association's rest home in Netanya. About 2,000 widows and orphans took part in week-long programmes at the home. (Salingor, IPPA)

Rabbinate Council takes swipe at Kahane

The Chief Rabbinate Council, meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, implicitly denounced the leader of Kach, Knesset Member-elect Rabbi Meir Kahane.

In a statement on Jewish-Arab relations, the council said that the late chief rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Hacohen Kook had formulated the authoritative description of the proper relations between the Jews and Arabs of Eretz Yisrael.

Kook was quoted in the statement as having referred with approval to "the pleasant situations of peaceful and fraternal relations that we encounter between the best of the Jewish people here and the country's Arab residents."

The council also expressed the hope that a dispute over the building of the Ganei Hamat hotel in Tiberias would soon be resolved so as to assure that graves in the area are not disturbed. If such an agreement is not reached with the Africa-Israel Corporation, which owns the hotel, the chief rabbis would "forbid continued construction on the site," the council said.

The council called on the incoming 11th Knesset, especially its religious members, to safeguard spiritual values by strengthening Shabbat laws regarding public transportation and passing the Who is a Jew Law. (Itim)

Teachers demand to bar Kahane from schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Teachers' Union, secretary-general Yitzhak Welber, yesterday sent a telegram to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer demanding that all the schools be closed to "the racist Meir Kahane."

Many public figures, including politicians, are invited to schools to speak to children and Welber wants to make sure Kahane is not one of them.

In his telegram, Welber also demanded that courses on the dangers of racism be added to the school curriculum. Educating children to peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs, he said, is no longer enough, and racism itself must now be studied.

He also wants seminars held to

prepare teachers to deal with this issue. An additional demand is that a joint committee of the ministry and the union be set up to seek other educational measures to combat racism.

In Jerusalem yesterday, the police stepped up security around Beit Hanassi, the presidential residence following threats by Kahane to break into the building if he is not invited by President Chaim Herzog to participate in consultations on the formation of a government.

Southern District Police commander Avraham Turgeeman said yesterday the reinforced police units would be commanded by a chief inspector for the duration of the consultations. The police would "treat seriously" any attempt to harm Beit Hanassi, said Turgeeman.

Man indicted for fraud in burning his own car

HAIFA (Itim). — A resident of Bir a-Sik, a small village north of Tulkarm, yesterday was charged in Haifa District Court on charges of setting his car on fire and fraudulently attempting to claim the insurance money.

The defendant, Ibrahim Kattawi, 24, was charged with arson, giving a false report to the police and attempted fraud. The charge sheet states that Kattawi had poured petrol over his BMW in April 1983 and set it alight, after the car had broken down and he had difficulty finding spare parts.

Bronfman may visit Soviet Union soon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, may go to the Soviet Union next month, "but only if the agenda, now being worked out with the Soviet authorities, includes the places and the persons I care to meet," Bronfman told the Daily Newspapers' Editors' Committee here yesterday.

Meanwhile, Bronfman will meet President Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania tomorrow.

In answer to questions, Bronfman said he objected to the definition of "who is a Jew" demanded by Orthodox groups here "because it would widen the rift in the Jewish people."

Haifa Labour Council calls 2 labour disputes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Labour Council yesterday declared an "anticipatory" labour dispute at the Oil Refineries and the Petrochemical Industries, which together employ 4,000 workers.

The council instructed its legal adviser to declare labour disputes in other industries as well, to forestall "any attempt by the government to violate the wage agreement," which was signed only two months ago. Declaring a labour dispute entitles the council to call a strike at the end of the usual two-week cooling-off period.

Girl dies after car flips

HERZLIYA (Itim). — An 18-year-old girl died yesterday of injuries suffered when the car she was riding in overturned on the coastal road near here.

The girl was thrown from the car, which was driven by her boyfriend. She was rushed to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, where she died shortly afterward. The driver, 19, was held for questioning.

Two terrorists admit April attack in J'lem

LOD (Itim). — The two surviving terrorists involved in the April 2 attack in King George Street in Jerusalem have pleaded guilty to charges against them.

Amjid Mustapha Ahmed Rabeya and Wafik Yusef Salha, both 21 and both Lebanese, changed their pleas in the military court here on Sunday. They had pleaded not guilty when their trial opened last month.

Rabeya and Salha are charged with belonging to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and taking part in a terrorist action with the aim of taking hostages.

Rabeya and another terrorist, Ismail, who was killed during the attack, fired automatic weapons and threw grenades, killing one man and wounding 52.

Salha drove the car that brought the others to the scene of the attack and was meant to help them escape.

The defendants' advocate told the court that before a verdict is passed down, he will argue that his clients should be accorded the status of prisoners of war.

The next session of the trial is set for September.

Compromise in Khan theatre dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The repertory actors of the Jerusalem Khan Theatre are to return to the stage in Albert Camus's *Caligula* tomorrow night after a 10-day strike that nearly caused the management to close the theatre.

Administrative director Motti Lerner said last night that a compromise reached between the management and staff provides that the two actors whose contract renewals are in dispute will continue to be employed until November while negotiations proceed regarding their status.

At the same time, discussions will begin on the group contract between

the Actors Union and the theatre management. The main area of dispute at the Khan, as at all of the country's repertory theatres, is tenure, which has not been awarded to actors since 1978.

The Khan has been plagued by financial and administrative crises in recent years. The latest began a month ago, when Yossi Yizraeli took over as artistic director, following the resignation of Ada Ben-Nahum earlier this year. Yizraeli refused to renew the contracts of six of the nine actors in the company.

The dispute over non-renewal focused on the contracts of Avinoam Mor-Haim and Victor Atar, who have been with the Khan the longest.

Police move to block Galilee bloodshed

ROSH PINA (Itim). — Police reinforcements were sent to two Galilee villages yesterday to prevent bloodshed, following the death of a tractor driver from Tuba in Upper Galilee.

On Sunday Zaidan Andi, 21, was pelted with pears as he drove his tractor near the Druse village of Sajur on the Acre-Safad road. He jumped from his tractor and was run over by it.

The Tuba villagers say Andi was murdered by the Sajur villagers who threw the pears, and are vowing to revenge him. They armed them-

selves with clubs and stones and prepared to march on Sajur. The police intervened, blocking the entrance to both villages.

Attempts are being made to arrange a *sulha* (reconciliation ceremony). Veteran Galilee villager Muhsin Hussein Nimer (Abu Hassan), who has arranged many reconciliations in the past, has been called in; but as of last night emotions were high in both villages.

Andi's body has been sent to Abu Kabir for an autopsy, although all signs are that he was crushed to death by his own tractor.

Social workers to teach BGU students

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Forty Negev social workers have volunteered to teach first-year students at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's School of Social Work in the coming academic year. Consequently, the university has announced that, contrary to its recent decision, it will accept 30 first-year students in social work after all.

Overadia Rabi, head of social services in the municipality here, told reporters yesterday that the Negev needs 378 social workers immediately and that "we feared that we wouldn't have any social workers left in the Negev if the budget cuts

resulted in closing down the first year at the school. So we decided to help out."

The 40 social workers will teach in place of five lecturers who cannot be hired because of cutbacks of \$2.5m.

The social workers met this past weekend to iron out the proposal, which was gratefully accepted by the university. "This was an offer we couldn't refuse," said B-GU president Shlomo Gazit.

CINEMA. — Ramat Gan senior citizens will receive a 50 per cent discount on admission to the first show at the town's movie theatres beginning next month if they present a senior-citizen's card to be issued by the municipality.

IPO Olympics concert in memory of athletes

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOS ANGELES. — In a gala concert here on the first night of the Olympics, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra performed Paul Ben-Haim's *Tehillim* (Psalms) in memory of the Israeli athletes murdered at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

The IPO spokesman said the work was meant to express the feeling that "despite everything, we are here."

The audience for the Hollywood Bowl concert included Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, as well as Barbara Streisand, Bob Hope, Danny Kay, Jane Wyman, Frank Sinatra and many other performers and public figures. The IPO performed Beethoven's *Seventh Symphony* and *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra*.

Boy arrested for abusive phone calls

A 16-year-old boy was arrested in Jerusalem on Sunday night on suspicion of pestering the local fire brigade. The station headquarters had been receiving abusive phone calls for four days. During one call, the caller let out the words "Rehov Rashi."

The police checked all the call-boxes in the vicinity of Rehov Rashi and discovered the youth making a call. The police said he was using abusive language when found.

In a separate incident, the fire brigade kept receiving false alarms last Friday. It turned out that employees at the Israel Museum were using a spray that set off the alarms. The smoke-sensitive alarms were set to go off in case of fire and the system picked up the spray, identifying it as smoke. (Itim)

Car-theft suspects held after high-speed chase

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two youths were arrested on suspicion of car theft early yesterday morning following a high-speed chase by police firing warning shots.

The suspects aroused the suspicions of policemen in a patrol car, who ordered them to halt. Instead, the youths sped off, leading the officers on a wild chase that ended when the driver of the suspect vehicle lost control, sideswiped several parked cars and came to a stop.

The two suspects, aged 17 and 18, were arrested. The car they were driving was found to have been stolen so recently that its owner had not yet reported the theft.

Singer released on bail in heroin-dealing case

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Singer Zohar Argov, arrested 10 days ago on suspicion of dealing in dangerous drugs, was released yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday on IS100,000 bail. He was also required to deposit his passport with the police.

Argov was arrested on suspicion of buying commercial quantities of heroin from a drug dealer. He has denied any involvement in drug dealing.

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'Britain will use military to prevent closure of Hormuz'

KUWAIT (AP). — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was quoted yesterday as saying Britain, the U.S. and other western powers will intervene militarily in the Gulf region if the Strait of Hormuz were closed and international navigation impeded.

But in an interview with the newspaper *Al-Qabas* she also said, "Military intervention will be our last resort after peaceful means are exhausted."

Thatcher said that her government was holding "intensive contacts" with the concerned parties.

The Arab Gulf states, the U.S. and European governments in quest of an end to the 46-month-old Iraq-Iran war through diplomatic means. Britain backed all peace bids toward that end including efforts by the UN secretary-general, she said.

She totally backed the "wisdom" of the U.S. administration in planning to intervene only at the invitation of states in the Gulf region, and only after peaceful efforts are first exhausted.

"If the peace-making failed and we are invited to participate, we shall consult with the U.S. and the

states of the region on the merits of military action to guarantee freedom of navigation in the Gulf waterway and the Strait of Hormuz," she said.

"I want to make it clear that we shall intervene to guarantee freedom of navigation through the Hormuz and other international channels in the Gulf," she emphasized in the interview published in Arabic.

Thatcher said her government had refused to sell chemical weapons to the warring parties and that this ban covered eight types of chemical elements which could be turned into lethal weaponry.

Thatcher's interview came against the background of a lull in the so-called tanker war, the spillover of the Iraq-Iran fighting on the oil shipping navigation channels in the Gulf.

The lull has been accompanied by conciliatory statements from the Iranian leadership. The speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani said last week that while Iran had not changed its basic condition that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein be "punished" before ending the war, Tehran was now pursuing the "diplomatic way" for ending the conflict.

Missing underground leader in monastery, says Poland

WARSAW (Reuters). — Polish government spokesman Jerzy Urban said yesterday that a Solidarity underground leader reported missing by his family since he left prison four days ago was "resting in a monastery."

Urban declined to disclose the whereabouts of Wladyslaw Frasyniuk, 30, who was released under an amnesty for political prisoners that his wife Krystyna knew where he was.

Krystyna Frasyniuk, speaking by telephone from her home in Wroclaw in southwest Poland, denied that she knew where to find her husband. She said, however, that she accepted an assurance from police yesterday that he had not been arrested.

Frasyniuk and his lawyer, Lech Adamczyk, have not been seen by their families since the union militant was released from Leczyca Prison in central Poland on Friday under a government amnesty for political prisoners.

His wife telephoned Solidarity leader Lech Walesa this morning to

ask for help in tracing him.

Adamczyk's wife said the two men intended to go immediately to Czestochowa to give thanks at the Shrine of the Black Madonna, Poland's patron saint, for Frasyniuk's liberation.

Both women said they were seriously alarmed at having received no message from them since.

Urban said, however: "Mrs. Frasyniuk knows that her husband is resting in one of the monasteries. She was called in this morning and told that." He would not identify the monastery, because it was "Frasyniuk's private affair."

Krystyna Frasyniuk, who was taken from her home by police yesterday morning to meet a security police officer, said she had been told only that her husband was not in custody.

"I was told nothing of him being in a monastery," she added. "I still do not know where I can contact him." She said she would report him to the police as a missing person today if he did not turn up.

Unita claims heavy government losses

LISBON (AP). — The Angolan rebel movement, Unita, claimed in a statement released here yesterday that its forces killed 98 government troops and 20 supporting Cuban regulars during a four-day period last week.

The statement, signed by Unita chief of staff General Demostenes Amos Chilinguita, said 12 rebel guerrillas were killed and another 23 wounded in the fighting between July 23 and 26.

According to the document, dated July 26, the fighting took place in the Angolan provinces of Lunda, Huambo, Uige, Moxico and Kuando-Kubango and included the

bombing of an Angolan Army helicopter 30 kilometres northeast of the provincial capital of the central province of Huambo.

Unita, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, has fought President Jose Eduardo dos Santos's Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Workers Party (MPLA-PT) government since losing out in a civil war eight years ago.

The rebels have demanded a power-sharing arrangement between the two parties and a withdrawal of the estimated 25,000 Cuban troops presently stationed in Angola.

21 trampled to death in Bangkok stampede

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP). — Twenty-one persons were trampled to death and about 40 others were injured in Bangkok yesterday when more than 2,000 people rushed for five-kilogram bags of rice and 10-baht (half a U.S. dollar) notes at an annual charity giveaway, the police said.

"More are likely to die," a police spokesman said, adding that several persons were hospitalized in serious condition.

A nine-year-old boy was among those killed as the crowd stampeded inside the gates of the Pathumrangsi

Association, a Chinese-Thai Buddhist charity group. Some of the dead were trampled on after they fainted in the rush past the just-opened gates, the police said. No arrests were reported.

Mobutu seen winner

KINSHASA (Reuters). — Zairean leader Mobutu Sese Seko looked set to win almost 100 per cent backing in a weekend presidential poll in which he was the only candidate.

Some 20 million Zaireans were to say yes or no to Mobutu's continued 19-year rule.

Welsh miners' union vows not to pay fine for violence

LONDON (AP). — A high court judge fined the South Wales branch of the miners' union £50,000 yesterday for contempt of court because of picket-line violence, and the union vowed not to cooperate with the court.

The judge, Sir Hugh Park, gave the union until tomorrow to pay the fine and said the branch's entire assets of £3 million would be seized unless it pays.

Executives of the South Wales branch of the National Union of Mineworkers met at their headquarters in Pontypridd to decide their next step in the growing confrontation with the court.

Kim Howells, the union's research officer, read a statement outside the Pontypridd office, but refused to say directly whether the branch would pay the fine.

"The South Wales miners are determined they are not going to lose because some court decides to sequester their funds," the statement said.

The branch would carry out the national union's policy of "total non-cooperation with the courts," it said.

The judge said he threatened to seize the union's assets in view of reports that the union was trying to protect its funds from court action by such devices as paying staff members six months in advance.

Doctors alter Siamese-twin boy into girl

TORONTO, Canada (AP). — A two-year-old Siamese twin, whose sex was changed during an operation to separate the children, was in critical condition yesterday after emergency surgery to stem severe bleeding, doctors said.

The other twin was also in critical condition, but was doing "as well as can be expected after such a long operation," Claudia Anderson, a spokeswoman at the Hospital for Sick Children, said. Lin Hui "has a long road ahead of him, but hopefully he'll recover fully," she said.

Lin's sister, Win, was born male, but doctors decided they had to change the child into a girl, because the twins shared genitals.

They were both joined at the pelvis and were separated by a 43-member surgical team in a 12-hour operation that ended Sunday morning.

Lin and Win, born in Rangoon, Burma, shared a liver, urinary tract and pelvic bones. Each was born with one leg, one kidney and a complete small intestine, but they shared a large bowel and some major blood vessels.

They also shared a leg, which was removed during the operation. Skin and muscle from the amputated limb was used to close the opening left in Lin after the separation. The opening in Win's body was closed with parts of the removed leg and with plastic.

Doctors plan to fit each child with an artificial leg after recovery from the separate surgery. They said the twins would require hormone treatment to reach sexual maturity, because of problems involving reproductive organs.

Siamese twins develop from a single fertilized egg that has divided imperfectly.

Floods, cholera take many lives in India

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Troops were called in to rescue hundreds of families marooned by floods in India's northeastern state of Assam, where 17 persons have died, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said yesterday.

Official reports said 1.5 million people were affected as the swollen Brahmaputra River and its tributaries swamped valleys.

It said the situation also worsened in east Bihar state, with all major rivers at dangerous levels and floods threatening crucial rail and road links.

Agriculture Minister Birendra Singh said last week 235 people had died and 11 million people had been affected by floods across the country since the monsoon season started in June.

Crops worth 953 million rupees (\$95 million) had been lost, he said.

At least 60 persons have died of cholera in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh in the last two months, PTI said, adding that about 1,000 cases had been reported from the state's southern Ghazipur district.

Nihilist Olympics offers 'unsanitized' sports

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Tom Betts trained by hanging around bars for the Nihilist Olympics — a zany, tongue-in-cheek festival countering the "sanitized Disneyland image" presented by the real 1984 Summer Games.

At the start of the Rosy Ruiz Marathon, Betts dashed to his battered car, raced it across town to the finish area and ambled to victory clutching a beer can.

"I have been in practice for eight months, training by hanging around the bars mostly," he said.

English teacher Elisha Shapiro organized the Nihilist Olympics, a nine-event festival of nonsense, confusion and some criticism.

"I wanted visitors here to see the vital, interesting L.A. instead of the sanitized Disneyland image presented for the official games," said Shapiro.

The Rosy Ruiz Marathon was named after a woman who "won" the Boston Marathon some years ago by sneaking onto the course just before the finish.

The Marathon rules were simple: you cross the start and finish lines on foot. Between them, "the mode of transport is up to the personal esthetics of the individual," Shapiro told Reuters.

The Nihilist events include a U-turn contest, housework decathlon, art defacing and a freeway relay race, in which petrol must be siphoned into cars parked on highway exit ramps.

In the run-and-shoot event, competitors scamper down a dark alley and drop to their knees on a simu-

lated police command, clapping both hands behind their necks. The official Nihilist Olympics programme bills the run-and-shoot as "a modern abbreviation of the pentathlon."

"Running down an alley and shooting at human-shaped targets is a lot more related to modern life than fooling around with horses," Shapiro said.

Marathon competitor Bobby Baur carried a cardboard torch, wore a dinosaur's head and a T-shirt reading "Welcome to L.A. 1984, the pre-war games." She came last, but was accompanied by a "security man" with wires coming out of his ears and a "marine" in combat fatigues.

The second-place finisher, who gave her name as Tazara Freed, had a few ideas for the housework decathlon. It features ironing while watching television, dusting while talking on the phone, household appliance maintenance, shopping, concealing dirt, keeping children quiet and preparing to go out.

Charles and Di celebrate anniversary

WINDSOR (AP). — Prince Charles and Princess Diana marked their third wedding anniversary in traditional style for the heir to the throne — he played polo and she watched.

Diana, 23, who is expecting her second child in September, gave Charles, 35, a consoling hug after his England B team lost 5-4 against Spain in the match at Windsor Great Park, 64 kilometres west of London.



China, U.S. swimmers reap early glory

LOS ANGELES (AP). — China burst on to the Olympic stage with its first gold medals ever, in weightlifting and men's free pistol shooting, while American and German swimmers made history in different ways as the Olympic Games swung dramatically into action.

Immediate success followed by perfection were the implausible highlights of China's first day of Olympic competition since the 1952 Helsinki Games.

Xu Haifeng won the first medal of the Olympics and his country's first-ever Olympic medal, taking the gold in the men's free pistol competition early in the day. Xu, a pre-event favourite for a medal but not for a gold, scored a total of 566 out of a possible 600 points in winning the event.

Marksman Xu Haifeng outshot favoured Ragnar Skanaker of Sweden in the men's free pistol competition — the first event completed

in the Games. Xu's teammate Wang Yifu won the bronze. Skanaker, 50, the 1972 gold medalist, had entered the competition as the favourite because of the Soviet-led boycott.

Xu, a relative newcomer to a sport that normally demands years to master, scored 566 out of a possible 600 points. He faltered in the sixth and final series, scoring only 91 points, but it was good enough to slip past Skanaker by one point in the overall event. "I just started shooting blank guns and birds," Xu said through an interpreter. "I started training for the Olympics just two years ago."

But the favoured Chinese were upstaged in gymnastics, where the United States took a surprising lead on a day in which judges awarded a total of 10 perfect marks — the first ever in men's Olympic compulsory exercises. Six of the perfect scores went to Chinese, two to Japanese and two to Americans.

In the pool, Michael Gross of West Germany and Steve Lundquist of the U.S. broke world records and the United States won two gold medals in one race when two swimmers finished in a tie.

After nine gold medal events on Sunday, the U.S. had nine medals — six gold, three silver; China had two golds, one silver and a bronze; West Germany three bronze medals to accompany Gross's gold. Canada had one gold and two silvers and Australia a silver and two bronzes.

China's bright showing in its first full-scale entry in the Summer Games also was tempered by losses to the U.S. in basketball and to Japan in volleyball.

In 52-kilogram class weightlifting, Zeng Guoqiang and Zhou Peishun swept the top two places for China. "I feel I made a good contribution for my country," said Zeng, who had a total lift of 235 kilos.

The Albatross flies through the pool

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Two world records and a slice of Olympic history helped give the swimming competition the international prestige it needed because of the Soviet-led boycott.

The records on the first day of the games were not unexpected. They came from West German flyer Michael Gross — nicknamed "The Albatross" because his long arms gave the appearance of a huge wingspan — in the men's 200 metres freestyle and flamboyant American Steve Lundquist in the 100 metres breaststroke.

Gross, who could win four Olympic medals, clipped one tenth of a second off his old mark to record one minute 47.44 seconds in a perfectly paced race which was the first-ever Olympic gold for a West German man since the creation of the two Germanys after the War.

The International Swimming Federation no longer determines placings by thousands of a second, so the swimmers got a gold each. "The first thing I thought was — a tie, how perfect," said Hogshead, a 22-year-



Michael Gross



Nancy Hogshead

old veteran of the U.S. squad. "I turned to share the news with Carrie as I was aware that if there was a tie,

both of us would share the medal. It was the first time that two gold medals have been awarded in swimming at the Olympics.

The tie left the U.S. in a dilemma as to which girl would swim the freestyle medley relay leg. Chief coach Don Gambrell said this would be decided by who was fastest in the 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay on Thursday. This will amount to a swim-off before a crowd of 18,000. It should be exciting," said Gambrell.

The fourth gold medal also went to the U.S. and one of the country's most deserving athletes, Tracy Caulkins, 21, of Nashville, won the women's 400 metres individual medley by a massive 15 metres in an American record and personal best time of 4:39.24.

"It's a great way to top off my career," said Caulkins, who won five gold medals at the 1978 world championships but who was denied a chance of medals by the U.S. boycott of Moscow.

While there was triumph for the United States, there was also personal tragedy. World record holder John Moffet aggravated an old groin injury recurring on an Olympic record in the morning heats of the 100 metres breaststroke. He could finish only fifth in the final.

Italy top riders lead pentathlon way

TRABUCCO CANYON (Reuters). — Italy led the modern pentathlon after a fine display of high-speed horsemanship in the opening equestrian event. Two of the three-member Italian team were among five riders who scored the maximum 1,100 points here.

The fastest of the five was 1982 world champion Daniele Masala, a Rome physical education teacher, who swept round the 600 metre, 15-obstacle course in one minute 33 seconds, 10 seconds inside the limit for a top score. His compatriot Carlo Massimino, a 27-year-old medical student, was just under one-second slower. He was followed by Briton Richard Phelps, Japan's Daisuke Araki and Egypt's Ihab Eldeeb.

Italy's team score of 3,240, gave them a 52-point lead over the second-placed U.S. Japan were third going into the next event, the fencing.

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Israelis in hora with neighbours

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

One of the most touching moments of the Olympic Games' opening ceremony came in the closing moments, after many reporters had already left their seats. To the strains of "Reach out and Touch Somebody's Hand," the Israeli athletes linked arms with members of the neighbouring Irish and Italian teams into an exuberant hora.

Immediately behind them, back-to-back to the Israelis, another circle formed. Skipping to a more stately beat were the Saudi Arabians in their long, flowing robes and kaffiyas, circling with the two American girls who had carried their national flag.

Pitched battle

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Three Egyptians and an Italian were sent off in a string of pitched battles at the start of the soccer tournament. Italy won the Group D match 1-0 in the Rose Bowl stadium after a contest which more closely resembled the rough-and-tumble American football usually played there.

The U.S. beat Costa Rica 3-0; Norway and Chile drew 0-0. France was surprisingly held 2-2 by Qatar.

Lamb's fine effort all in vain

MANCHESTER (Reuters). — England's cricketers are again staring defeat in the face. By tea on the fourth day of the fourth test against the West Indies they had struggled to 56 for two wickets in their second innings, after failing by 21 runs to avoid the follow-on, and were still 164 behind the tourists' first innings total of 500.

England faced a stiff task to avoid going 4-0 down in the series as Paul Terry is unlikely to contribute much because of a broken arm. Joel Garner mopped up the English tail to finish with four for 51 as England

Israelis at the Games

Although he failed to qualify for the final or the consolation final (the 9th-16th top times in the heats), Eyal Stigman's new national record in the 100m breaststroke was the feature of Israel's effort on the opening day of the Games. The 21-year-old swimmer's time of 65.63 seconds clipped nearly half a second off his previous best but left him only 22nd out of the 47 competitors in the event.

Gady Armessit took 36th spot out of 50 in the free pistol shooting event. He amassed 536 points.

Gymnasts Yohanan Moyal, who took 21st place and Yaakov Levy American hoopsters

look devastating. LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — The U.S. Men's basketball team, overwhelming favourites to capture the gold medal, made an auspicious debut in the 12-team tournament as they roared to a 97-49 victory over China.

Defending champions Yugoslavia were also victorious, defeating West Germany coached by Israel's Ralph Klein.

Italy earlier crushed Egypt 110-62 and Uruguay beat France 91-87 in a bruising battle that went to overtime.

Also news at LA

Bottled smog is on sale around the arenas where athletes battle breathlessly for Olympic honours.

The price is two dollars a bottle but takers seem to be few and far between.

The idea is for visitors to take the smog home with them and thus help to clean up Los Angeles," said Linda Fletcher, a 21-year-old stallholder.

The city was sunny on the first day of competition. But the National Weather Service predicted that air quality would soon range from what it called "good to unhealthy for sensitive people."

U.S. gymnasts shock Chinese

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Mitch Gaylord and Peter Vidmar swept the United States towards the end of an 80-year wait for gymnastics gold. The 23-year-olds each plundered a perfect score of 10 in a succession of world class marks last night that put the powerful U.S. men's team in the lead after the compulsory exercises in line for today's optional events.

There were delicious scenes in the arena as the Americans overhauled

who finished 23rd complained that the Syrian official on the panel of judges deliberately awarded them poorer marks than they deserved, or in fact received from the other officials. They are near the bottom of their group of 24 gymnasts out of the three participating sections and had anticipated better scores.

Aussie stick men in fine fettle

MONTEREY PARK (AP). — Centre forward Terry Walsh reeled off four consecutive goals then set up another as Australia downed Malaysia 5-0 in the opening match of the field hockey tournament.

West Germany, runners-up in the last world cup, beat Spain 3-1 in their opening game.

The match threatened to get out of control when the Spanish protested vehemently at Germany's first goal. Carsten Fischer had scored from a penalty corner that the umpire decided was deflected above the blackboard.

The opposing players later squared off on several occasions. The umpire lectured the two captains and threatened the entire German team with a yellow card warning.

India lambasted the U.S. 5-1. The margin of defeat was some consolation for the U.S. team, their predecessors were thrashed 24-1 by India at the 1932 Los Angeles Games.

In the equestrian event of the modern pentathlon, Egypt's Ahmed Nasser drew a horse called Smooth Sailing. It threw him three times, despite the name. But he still finished the course for men riding unfamiliar horses over 15 obstacles.

Britain's Ricky Burrell caused a stir among fellow swimmers with the outline of the Union Jack flag shaved into his hair.

Athletes living in the three Olympic villages are being offered a day-long diet of old movies they could have missed at home. The most popular film is listed as "Easy Rider."

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS: Aaron Krichatsky continues his wonderful form. The 16-year-old American posted a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Frenchman Thierry Tulasne to qualify for the final of the \$200,000 National Bank Classic in Washington. He plays Ecuador's Andres Gomez who knocked out Guillermo Vilas 6-1, 7-5.

BASEBALL: AMERICAN LEAGUE — Toronto 6 Texas 2; Texas 3 Boston 1; Baltimore 3 Cleveland 2; Minnesota 6 California 5 (1st Inning); Chicago 5 New York 4; Kansas City 5 Milwaukee 1; Seattle 4 Oakland 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE — Chicago 3 New York 6; St. Louis 4 Houston 4; Montreal 6 St. Louis 4; Pittsburgh 3; Los Angeles 1; Cincinnati 0; San Diego 9; Houston 0; Atlanta 4; San Francisco 3.

GOLF: Peter Jacobson faltered briefly but held on to a narrow lead to win the \$400,000 Greater Hartford Open by two shots. He edged Mark O'Meara by scoring a final 70 in Round 72.

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A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR restoration of New York's Ellis Island, where 17 million immigrants to the U.S. first stepped on American soil, is being undertaken in conjunction with the project to restore and refurbish the Statue of Liberty in time for lavish centennial celebrations on July 4, 1986.

According to Philip Lax, chairman of the Ellis Island Restoration Commission, work has already begun on Ellis Island - today a virtual ruin - so that its great hall, where millions of immigrants were once processed, as well as other key buildings, will have been restored to their original condition in time for the 1986 festivities.

Lax, a New Jersey developer, who also serves as chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, said he believed that the restoration of

SALUTE TO ANCESTORS

By WALTER RUBY / Post New York Correspondent

Ellis Island is just as important for the nation as is the refurbishing of the more glamorous "lady" on Liberty Island.

"More than 100 million Americans are descendants of immigrants who arrived at Ellis Island - almost half of the population of the United States. These new immigrants, who

poured into the country by the millions in the years preceding World War I, are the ones who really built this country into what it is today," Lax comments.

Lax, whose own parents arrived at Ellis Island from eastern Europe in the early 1900's, says he believes the restoration of Ellis Island has special

significance for American Jews. "In preserving our identity... Our people - especially our young people - must be told of the Jewish heritage in America. Ellis Island, where the great majority of our forefathers first stepped off the boats, is an obvious focal point for that effort."

LAX EXPLAINS that the "Restore Ellis Island Committee" was initiated in 1976, when President Gerald Ford signed a bill setting aside one million dollars for the restoration of the island, and an additional \$500,000 annually for the same purpose from the National Park Service budget.

Lax, who became chairman of the committee in 1978, when its name was changed to the Ellis Island Restoration Commission, has presided over plans to create a "living museum" on Ellis Island, "in tribute

to the ethnic and national origins of all Americans from the founding of our country until present times." However Lax was perturbed by the way the National Park Service, which owns both Liberty and Ellis Islands, defined "ethnic and national origins."

"I was told by the National Park Service that the five major ethnic groups, which together accounted for 90 per cent of the immigrants who landed on Ellis Island were Irish, German, Italian, Polish and Russian," he says. When he asked the officials why Jewish emigration was not mentioned, he was told that there was no Jewish immigration *per se*, because Jews were included amongst the five major countries.

LAX COMMENTS, "I cleared up that misapprehension very quickly. I made it clear that my own parents

and many of the five million other Jews who landed on Ellis Island came here because of pogroms and persecution in their native countries.

He adds, "We have not yet decided what format it will take, but I can assure you there will be Jewish identification on Ellis Island."

According to Lax, the museum in the great hall on Ellis Island will include theatres where films and documentaries will be shown depicting the immigrants' experience and rooms where oral histories will be recorded on an ongoing basis.

There will also be computerized records containing the names of every immigrant who landed on Ellis Island, Lax says. "This will be an important repository of the genealogical history of our country, where adults and children alike can come in and find the record of an ancestor who passed through Ellis Island."



A Russian immigrant in New York at the turn of the century.

KHALIL KHALIL is the richest man in Tyre. He has many shops, concessions and orchards, and he has just moved into his new house on the beach, which has floors of white marble imported from Italy. The house is a sign of strange optimism - rich as he is, Khalil, like the other people in Tyre, has had his share of troubles in the past ten or fifteen years, and in his pessimistic moments today he possesses a troubled future.

The scene in and around the brand-new house is the typical scene of a strong, rich man's household in the Levant. Men of all ages are sitting around, coming and going, serving tea and coffee, playing backgammon, answering telephones, murmuring into walkie-talkies, smoking, keeping an eye out.

Some of these men belong to the Khalil clan; some are retainers. The atmosphere is at once relaxed and tense.

Outside, in the sandy parking lot, in a large Mercedes, there is a beefy bodyguard packing a pistol on his hip

The Post's Theodore Epstein reports on conversations with two residents of South Lebanon.

A new house

and a Kalatchnikov on the dashboard.

Khalil has his enemies. Any Lebanese who is rich and powerful has his enemies. In particular, Khalil must be concerned about some of the Palestinians in and around Tyre.

He and his family have had a rather long history with the Palestinians in the refugee camps of Rasidiye and El-Bas. When they first arrived from Haifa and the Galilee in 1948, and until 1970, they were given work by the Khalis in the orchards. The Khalis also provided protection from locals who might not like the foreigners. For 22 years, Palestinians in the Tyre district were grateful to make their secure living working for the Khalis.

THIS CHANGED in 1970 when the PLO showed up. First the PLO organized the pickers in the orchards. Then, at gunpoint, it demanded higher wages for them. Then came the roadblocks, the shootings, the terror. Tyre passed from the hands of the Lebanese into the hands of the PLO. And Khalil Khalil, who tried to resist the change, suffered.

He would not have had to build this new house if the PLO, shortly before the Israelis came, had not blown up his very satisfactory old one.

The PLO bomb badly damaged the old house. An IDF bombardment during the invasion finished the job.

Like all the Lebanese inhabitants

of Tyre, both Shi'ite Moslems like himself and the various Christians, Khalil was happy to have the Israelis arrive, for this meant the end of the PLO's rule of chaos.

The first thing Khalil did when the dust of the invasion settled was to have a row of Palestinian shops - illegally constructed on his property in the centre of town - bulldozed.

THE TROUBLE IS, the Israeli invasion didn't really put things back to square one. The Israelis did destroy the PLO, and they are making the Palestinians keep their heads low for the time being.

But on the other hand, by continuing to stay in south Lebanon more than two years after they came in, they are creating new problems almost as worrisome as the ones they solved.

Their secret police are rounding up and questioning dozens, maybe hundreds, of people daily. They are thus fostering a local guerrilla movement of Shi'ite militants, Khomineites in unholy alliance with leftist elements.

And the Israelis are dumping their oranges and bananas on the Lebanese market at such prices that it doesn't pay Khalil Khalil to keep his own orchards going.

He's not against open borders with the Jewish state someday, but trade must not be to the advantage of one party only. Khalil Khalil wants the Israelis to leave. Yet he understands why they may be lingering. If they left now, there might well be chaos again in South Lebanon, and some Palestinians, together with those Khomineites and leftists, might shoot rockets across the border again for fun, money or ideology. The Israeli-backed "South Lebanon Army" of Major Antoine Lahad is probably not yet strong enough to keep order in Tyre and the rest of the area. And the regular Lebanese Army is far away in Beirut. The IDF keeps a modicum of order.

If there is complete disorder again, Khalil Khalil, installed in his new home with the marble floors and picture windows, will suffer more than now.

ANYONE WHO THOUGHT that he knew Lebanon or the Lebanese has been rubbing his eyes at the sight on TV of the barriers between East and West Beirut being pushed aside, the Lebanese Army taking over from the various militias, and flights coming and going again at Lebanon's only international airport.

True, there is still the odd bombing and kidnapping in the capital, and the relatives of people kidnapped during the last nine years have jockeyed some roads for hours at a time in the hopeless hope of forcing the Jemayel-Karamneh government to find their kin alive.

But all in all it seems like a miracle has occurred in Beirut - the situation seems to have changed for the better.

How and why did this happen? How long can it last? And is there any chance that the improvement will be contagious; that it will spread from the capital into the Shouf

Three reasons

Mountains and then down to the South?

Mohammed Ghader has answers to these questions. A contractor who used to sit on the Shi'ite "Amal" politburo but who says that he is now inactive, Ghader keeps smiling as an IDF armoured personnel carrier rumbles past his shop.

THE FIRST of his explanations for the Miracle of Beirut is typically Lebanese - he attributes the good no less than the bad to a Hidden Hand.

"Israel, the U.S., Syria and Russia decided that Lebanon should be quiet for a while," he says. "They gave a signal to stop firing. Of course, they didn't do this for the sake of us Lebanese, but for their own interests."

This is a typically Lebanese remark, delivered fatalistically. A foreigner has heard variations on it hundreds of times over the nine years of bloody trouble, coming out of the mouths of Christians and Moslems alike, and he has never been able to decide once and for all whether there is a lot of truth in it or whether it is simply an evasion of responsibility.

"The second reason for the quiet," Ghader continues, "is that we're tired. We've been fighting and killing each other for so long, that we just got exhausted."

"This is credible enough. "And the third reason is that with the airport closed, the government was going bankrupt. Each party, you see, each faction, has a government

ministry or department, and even if that ministry or department doesn't function, its people get salaries.

"They kept getting salaries despite everything since 1975 until recently. But with the airport closed for so long, as well as the road to Damascus and the one to the South, the economy of Beirut was going to collapse. Everybody got together to prevent that from happening."

This, too, sounds credible. A foreigner has never been able to decide whether to admire or to despise the Lebanese for putting their pockets first, but it is undeniably true that the economic motive is at least as powerful as any other in this wretched country.

GHADER'S EXPLANATIONS - especially numbers two and three - are satisfactory enough. But they are not very encouraging, for none of them implies any permanent change. The Israelis, the Americans, the Sy-

rians and the Russians could decide that their interests require the Lebanese to start killing each other again. The Lebanese themselves, having rested, could get their fighting energy back. And the various parties and factions, having received their salaries from the central government, could let their well-paid militias loose once more.

"Yes," Ghader agrees, "the quiet could be temporary. On the other hand, it may last some time. The longer it lasts, the better the chance that it will spread to the Shouf, and the South."

On Ghader's desk, there is a portrait of Amal's founder, the Shi'ite martyr Imam Musa Sadr. On the coffee table, there is a copy of an Arab weekly - the front cover shows Iranian Shi'ite corpses in a ditch, the back cover the Marlboro cowboy.

LAST MONTH marked the 60th anniversary of the death of Jacob Israel De Haan, the Dutch Jewish poet and journalist killed by unknown assailants near the former Sha'are Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, after attending evening prayers in the hospital synagogue. It also marked the publication of a curious book.

After his arrival in Jerusalem early in 1919, De Haan became increasingly anti-Zionist. He regularly aired his opinions in the columns of the Dutch *Algemeen Handelsblad* and the British *Daily Express*, both of which dailies he served as foreign correspondent, and the most probable theory is that he was killed by

Distorted life

By HENRIETTE BOAS / Post Amsterdam Correspondent

the Hagana. Another theory is connected with his private life. The author, as a young man in Holland, of several notorious homosexual novels, in Jerusalem De Haan maintained homosexual relations with young Arab boys, and it is thought that he may have been killed by a relative of one of these boys.

Whatever the facts, one thing is clear: from early youth, De Haan

was a highly neurotic and tormented personality who successively sought refuge in anarchism, socialism, Zionism, Mizrahism and eventually in ultra-Orthodox anti-Zionism. In Jerusalem he joined Agudat Yisrael and the Ashkenazi Council headed by the late Rabbi Haim Sonnenfeld, and even became its official spokesman.

De Haan's memory has been kept alive in Holland by three different non-Jewish groups. Advocates of homosexuality have seen to the reprinting of a number of his homosexual writings, while those interested in his early socialist and revolutionary songs and stories have been instrumental in republishing some of these. Lastly, he has become popular in certain pro-Palestinian circles.

In 1981, the centenary of his birth, and 1982, there was an upsurge in reprints of parts of his works and of works on him.

BUT THE MOST curious publication on De Haan has just appeared in a new Dutch Jewish publication, *De Sjabbath-kranz*.

Still in its first year, this journal seeks to strengthen Orthodoxy among the Jews of Holland. Its editor is a young man born several years after the end of World War Two and therefore almost 30 years after De Haan's death. A pious Jew, he may not be familiar with everything that has been published on De Haan by non-Jewish circles in recent years.

Still, this can hardly be an excuse for his publishing, on this anniversary of De Haan's death, instalments, in Dutch translation, from a book by Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Sonnenfeld on his relative, Rabbi Haim Sonnenfeld. In *Guardian of Jerusalem* (original Hebrew title: *Ha-ish al ha-homa*), De Haan, who is represented as a victim of Zionism, is called a "pure and undefiled soul." All rumours about him to the contrary, the book says, are sheer malevolence. But this is not all; what it has to say about De Haan's past in Holland before he settled in Jerusalem at the age of 38 is simply ridiculous.

For instance, according to the book, De Haan was "blessed with an extraordinary talent for making strong personal friendships; he soon became much sought after in European government circles and the upper levels of high society... During his staggering rise in prestige, he heard one of the cabinet ministers

make an anti-Semitic observation. He felt strongly wounded, and it seemed to him that a voice deep inside him said, 'Return. Israel, to your God'."

"Eventually he decided to leave the country of his birth, where he was so famous and respected, and to emigrate to the Holy Land and Jerusalem... A sign of the great admiration which he enjoyed throughout the whole of Holland was that he left Holland in the personal railway carriage of Her Majesty the Queen."

Of all this, hardly a word is true. Far from possessing any talent for making friends, De Haan's provocative behaviour made him one enemy after another. He never moved in "European government circles and the upper levels of high society," and he was never received by the then queen. One of the main reasons he left Holland was the dashing of his hopes of being appointed professor of law at the University of Amsterdam in 1918. His journey to Palestine was via London, where he had to obtain his visa; he travelled from Amsterdam to the Hook of Holland by ordinary train, and then took the

boat to England. This is just one passage; several others in the book are equally or more ridiculous.

THIS IS NOT to suggest that either Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Sonnenfeld or his forebear Rabbi Sonnenfeld wilfully gave a distorted picture of De Haan to suit their own ends. The assumption is that they only repeated what De Haan had told them about himself. They were looking for an experienced Jewish politician who would be able to plead their cause on the highest levels with the British Mandatory government, and they idealized De Haan. And De Haan, ambitious and neurotic as he was, was eager only to seize this golden opportunity and prove himself the ideal candidate, "re wrote" his past.

In this way, *Guardian of Jerusalem*, despite itself, makes a contribution to our knowledge about De Haan.

Yet, it is unforgivable that, only 60 years after his death, a Jewish journal in Holland should gullibly print this nonsense, albeit with the best of intentions.



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Profits of Dead Sea Works up tenfold, to \$50m.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Dead Sea Works will shortly pay its 1,252 workers an average bonus of \$120,000, about one month's wages in most cases, general manager, Aryeh Shahar announced yesterday. He said that the company's after-tax profits had risen tenfold in 1983/84, to stand at \$50 million.

"Of course, income taxes will have to be paid on this sum," he said, noting that the highest bonus of about \$130,000 would go to only a few persons with a high seniority and holding executive positions.

The Dead Sea Works, a subsidiary of Israel Chemicals, has been profitable for the past 13 years (although in some years the profit was quite small), and has been paying bonuses for the past 10 years. The largest bonus was paid for the 1980/81 fiscal year.

The company will also pay the government \$16.4m. this year for its franchise to mine the Dead Sea. With this payment, the total royalties earned by the state since the company was set up has been about 10 billion, with the shekels being equivalent in value to those of July 1984.

Shahar noted that the last fiscal year started off badly, and it was only during the last quarter (January-March, 1984) that the international market began to pick up.

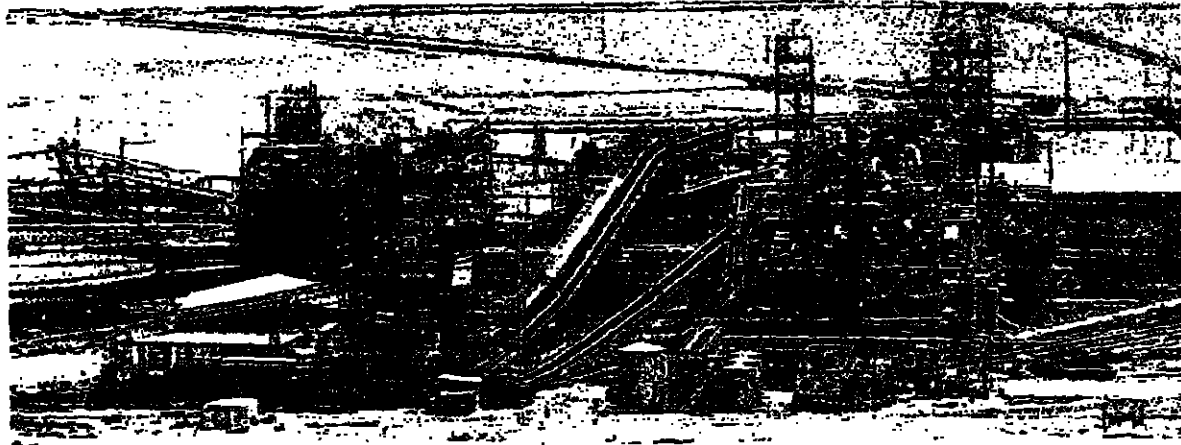
Our considerably greater profits are due to four main factors," he said. "Lower shipping costs due to the depression in international shipping; more efficient and cheaper production methods; an increase in sales; and the more rapid rate of devaluation of the shekel during the last part of the fiscal year, which decreased the returns on foreign currency earnings."

Total production in 1983/84 was 1,572,000 tons, about two per cent less than in the previous year. The drop was due to the coming on-line of new machinery, which took time to reach full capacity. However, total sales increased to 1,598,000 tons, since reserves were tapped, and this was 5.3 per cent more than the previous year. Exports rose by 7 per cent, to stand at 1,397,000 tons.

The bulk of the income came from the sale of potassium. But if the sales of affiliates, such as the bromide plant, are included, income stood at \$25.3 billion, an increase of 242 per cent. Out of the total sum, some \$211m. was in income from export sales, compared to \$195m. in the previous year.

Profits, after adjustment for inflation, stood at \$17.3 billion. Translated into dollars at the average exchange rate of March, 1984, this came to \$50m., compared to \$5m. in the previous year.

"This comes to a 17 per cent return on our capital," Shahar



General view of the main installations of the Dead Sea Works.

noted, adding that the return in the previous year had been only 2 per cent.

A comparison of the first quarter (April-June) of the 1984/85 fiscal year with the same quarter in 1983/84 showed that exports had risen by 20 per cent; production was up by 18 per cent; sales had risen by 23 per cent (both local and foreign lumped together) and prices had risen by 7 per cent.

The main problem facing the firm today was the investigation being carried out by the U.S. authorities against Israel, Spain, East Germany, and the Soviet Union, Israel and Spain were accused of subsidizing their potassium exports to the U.S.,

as well as engaging in "dumping" practices. East Germany and the USSR were accused only of "dumping."

"The Eastern Bloc economies are built in such a fashion that no outsider can ever determine with any degree of accuracy whether their exports are subsidized," Shahar noted wryly.

As a result of this investigation, and until its completion this September, Israel had to place in escrow 8.71 per cent of the value of each ton of its potassium which entered the U.S. The rate for Spain is 7.4 per cent of the value of each ton.

"We are sure that the charges of subsidizing our exports and dumping

can be disproved," Shahar said, "and the funds placed in escrow will be returned. But even if they are not, the total sum would come to only about \$3m. and this is not a large amount, considering our 1983/84 profits."

Israel provides only 6 per cent of all the potassium the U.S. imports, and this in turn constitutes only 3 per cent of American consumption. Since the U.S. itself is a large producer of the mineral, the U.S. also exports a considerable tonnage of its own production. The largest foreign supplier to the U.S., with 85 per cent, is Canada. However, exports to the U.S. constitute 27 per cent of all of Israel's exports.

Forced shorter credit terms lead to cartel charges

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five leading manufacturers and packers of edible oil were cited in a criminal complaint this week, charged with violating the Trade Restriction Law.

The five firms — Shemen, Etz Hazayit, IZAR, Tel Ber and Olives — were accused of forming a cartel to disrupt regular deliveries of merchandise to leading food chains. The alleged aim was to force the chains to shorten their accounts payable periods from the usual month or longer to 15 days from the end of the month.

According to Ze'ev Talmor, who deals with restrictive business practices at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the five oil processors late last year wrote to Co-op Jerusalem, Co-Op Tel Aviv-Dan Hasharon, Kol-ho Shalom, and Hypershuk. They warned these and other large vendors that their supplies would be either cut off or delayed unless they

agreed to accept the curtailed credit terms.

The suppliers, in violation of the cartel law, followed through with their threat and until two weeks ago interrupted their deliveries.

Galmor noted that since oil is under price-control, the only competition between the suppliers has been wholesale price discounts and terms of payment. By acting in unison to curb competition, they violated the law, Galmor said.

Morton L. Mandel joins Bank Leumi board

TEL AVIV. — The board of Bank Leumi has decided to add Morton L. Mandel to its ranks. Mandel is the youngest of three brothers who own the Premier Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio. He is the chairman of that company, which sells electronic components and electrical goods.

Mandel is involved in a wide range of Jewish communal activities and was the president of the Council of Jewish Federations. He was a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, and is currently a member of its board of trustees.

Gov't spending cut linked to job losses

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Whether the country will be faced with "painful" unemployment soon depends on the determination and ability of the next government to carry through with spending cutbacks.

That is the estimate of Baruch Haklai, director of the State Employment Service. Haklai spoke at an all-day seminar for service, regional and departmental heads in Jerusalem on Sunday.

"If a manpower cutback in the

public sector is indeed carried out by the next government," he said, "a painful unemployment situation could exist for a certain period, until a renewed industrial and agricultural growth is felt. During that transition period, you will have to work patiently with determination and wisdom until job opportunities become available," he told his staff.

He also reported that after a "slight deterioration" in the job market during the first quarter of this year, the market has stabilized with an average of 33,000 job seekers at State Employment Service offices as against 15,150 requests for workers by employers.

Robot will 'revolutionize' building

By YITZHAK OKED
TEL AVIV. — A local engineering company is developing a robot, which could revolutionize the building industry in this country. This was claimed by Dan Sagi at a seminar here recently sponsored by the Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology and Automation of

Stuttgart. Sagi, who heads a local engineering company, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the robot would take two years to build at a cost of some \$2 million. It would automate construction work almost completely.

He said the robot could perform any task now being performed by a building worker and adapt itself to any type of building. The robot will be used to build cement-block constructions, where prefabrication is not suitable.

Sagi said that local industrialists were suspicious of robots, but he was confident that eventually there would be more interest by local people.

Canon to test 'no film' camera at Olympics

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japan's Canon Company said it would test its new "no film" electronic still camera and transmission equipment at the Los Angeles Olympics.

The portable camera, designed for professional use, records colour images electronically and stores them on a magnetic disc for transmission on equipment that can convert the pictures into television signals or send them down a telephone line, a Canon spokesman said.

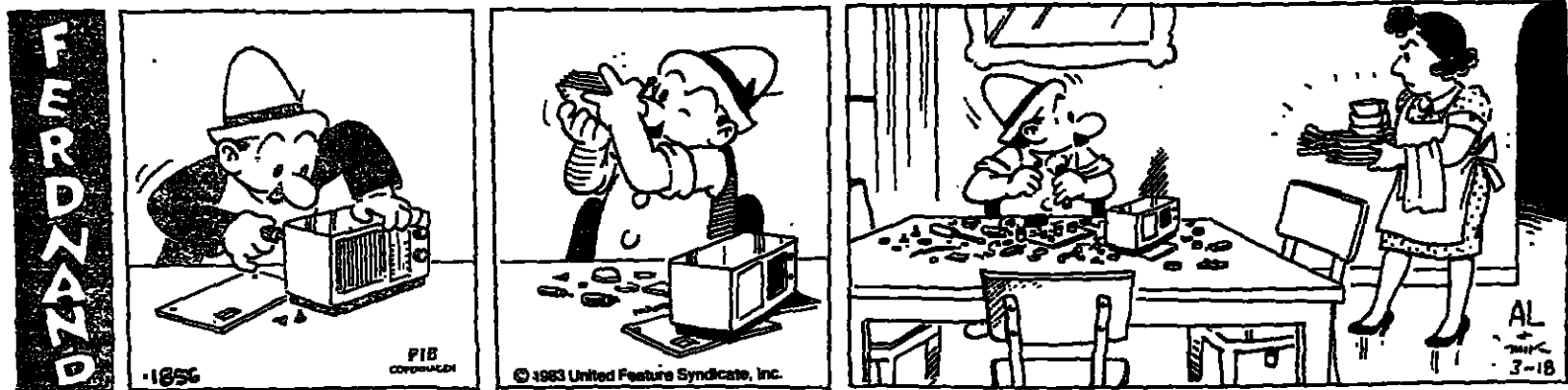
The disc, a "still video floppy," was developed by Canon and the U.S. firm Texas Instruments. The first filmless electronic camera was unveiled by Sony of Japan in 1981.

Merrill Lynch suffers first loss since 1971

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Merrill Lynch, the largest U.S. stockbroker firm with wide interests in other financial fields, said it lost \$32.8 million in the second quarter of this year — its first loss since becoming a public company in 1971.

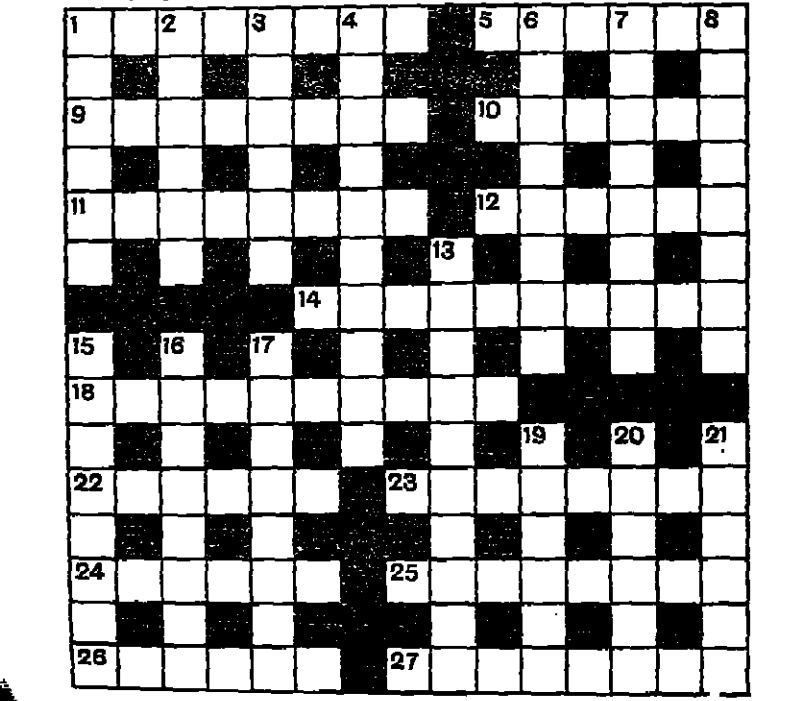
The company earned \$12.2m. in the same period last year.

Merrill Lynch said trading of stocks and bonds had lessened in the past few months cutting revenue from commissions.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- There's nothing to pay if one can get on it (4-4)
 - A warning now pointless, apparently (3-5)
 - Among our most popular annual events of course (3, 5)
 - The lowest form of life (6)
 - A suet pudding divided by a Channel Islands girl (8)
 - Comparatively roughish medieval soldier? (6)
 - Pretend to provide the audience with a bit of variety (5, 2, 2, 3)
 - Famous old jurist much revered in Mecca (10)
 - Kitchener's formula for success? (6)
 - Titles switched to a point that can be very dangerous (8)
 - A base from which we walk a little way (6)
 - Is roused and found wanting? (8)
 - Secret arrangements for meetings, possibly (6)
 - He falsely claims I'm after foreign gold (8)
- DOWN**
- An assembly-man after medical treatment? (6)
 - Extremely odd verse on love (4, 2)
 - Thin raised inlay that may have to be made up (8)
 - Nicknames for the blocks of coal-dust they use at the Stationery Office? (10)
 - A god that will never be forgotten? (8)
 - Cook too much food, maybe? (8)
 - Charge that never varies for an apartment (4-4)
 - Currently the way things are going (10)
 - Wandering bear resorting to bombast (8)
 - They lack co-ordination, these problem children (8)
 - Jocular clergyman in the jet set? (3-5)
 - A white man conspicuous in negro society (6)
 - What one tries to do to the best of one's ability? (6)
 - Steakily prowler, one that thinks about nothing but catching vermin (8)



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 - Entrances
 - Give
 - 9 Instructor
 - 10 Utter lawlessness
 - 11 Villain
 - 12 Undermine
 - 13 Lazy
 - 14 Church recess
 - 15 Speck
 - 16 Part of foot
 - 17 Medium-sweet sherry
 - 18 Taking the wheel
 - 19 Leaven
 - 20 Finished
 - 21 Unit of current
- DOWN**
- Wildly impulsive
 - Beer mug
 - Improved in quality
 - Expensive
 - Earthy pigment
 - Contention
 - Revolving
 - Convulsion
 - Warehouse
 - Violin
 - Hard to cut
 - Flask
 - Wet
 - German song

Your money & your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

QUESTION: Since my late husband and I came on aliya in 1971, we have had our dollar and checking account with a Tel Aviv bank branch. I recently learned that deposits under \$500 will not earn any interest. My monthly U.S. Social Security cheque is \$435 and thus falls below this minimum. I was told that this rule does not apply to anyone receiving German reparations, and that any amount deposited earns interest from the day of deposit. Is not my dollar as good as a German mark? I may be left with no alternative but to change my bank.

ANSWER: There are banks which accept deposits of less than \$500. Before changing your bank, tell your manager that unless he bends a little in your direction, you will transfer your accounts from his branch. Banks compete for new clients and any bank is only as good as the service it provides. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the director of the bank with which you have your account.

QUESTION: We came on aliya in 1968 and have Israeli and American citizenship. Do the January 16, 1984 regulations forbidding the maintaining of foreign currency accounts overseas apply to us as well?

ANSWER: You have the right of maintaining accounts overseas for 20 years from the time of your immigration. This is also the period during which you may maintain a free foreign currency account in a local bank with the right to free transferability from this *patach olim* account.

QUESTION: Do the new regulations concerning the 15 per cent VAT payment on foreign currency travel allocations apply when the funds stem from a *patach olim* account?

ANSWER: Yes. *Patach olim* dollars in reality are shekel deposits which are linked to the exchange rate of the dollar. *Patach olim* dollars may not be withdrawn or used in regular commercial transactions. No. You have not found a "loop hole" in the law and you still have to pay the 15 per cent VAT.

QUESTION: My *patach olim* current account is overdrawn. I would like to pay this off as soon as possible. However, I understand there are some new regulations regarding debitory positions in *patach olim* accounts. Can you tell me what they are?

ANSWER: According to the regulations announced on July 24, debitory positions on *patach olim* current accounts must be converted into 90-day loans without any possibility of prepayment.

QUESTION: How will the new regulations affect the "personal import" of items such as cars and videos?

ANSWER: The regulations will have a very negative impact on such imports. Imports will be on the basis that 75 per cent of the value of the good must be made available as part of a 2½ year credit to the buyer by the supplier. I cannot imagine that General Motors, Toyota or National Panasonic will extend such credit. This regulation is a good one since in due course it will lead to a reduction of imports. Anything that achieves this goal is a positive development.

DESALINATION PLANT. — Saudi Arabia is to finance a \$36 million desalination plant in Bahrain under a cooperation agreement signed in Manama last week.

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EDUCATIONAL:
9.00 Rechov Sumsum, 9.30 The Flaxton Boys 10.00 This is it (repeats) 10.50 The Universe and 11.10 The Upsala Players.
15.00 A Princess from Another Planet — science fiction film 16.30 Party Butterfly 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine.
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Baker Street Boys
18.00 Faster, Higher, Stronger — sports ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Olympics roundup
18.45 What's the Answer?
19.00 Documentary
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Olympics roundup
21.00 Mahat Newsweek
21.30 Documentary about the Excavations at Hazor
22.15 Chessgame — 6-part British espionage series starring Terence Stamp. Part 3: Enter Hassan
23.05 Jazz Concert with vibraphone player Bobby Jones
23.15 News
23.45-4.00 The Los Angeles Olympics JORDAN TV (unofficial):
18.30 Cartoons 19.00 French Hour 19.30 (TV) Science Film 20.00 News in French
20.30 News in Hebrew 20.45 Magazine Zero One 21.00 News in Arabic 21.30 Take a Letter Mr. Jones 22.10 Dians 23.00 News in English 23.15 Wagner
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6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Beat: Violin Concerto in E major (Sylvia Markovitch, JSO, Ostrovsky)
7.30 Mozart: Symphony No. 14: Verdi String Quartet (Israel Chamber Ensemble, Bruno Campanella conducting); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4 (Rubinstein, London Philharmonic, Barenboim); Liszt: Tasso, symphony poem (Gundlach, Masur); Weber: Andante and Rondo Hrogrise
9.30 Tartin: Violin Concerto in E minor (Pierre Amoyal, Shimon); Mozart: Clarinet Trio, K.425 (Yona Edinger, Daniel Benayahu, Pina Seltzer); Dvorak: Silent Woods (Du Pre, Chicago, Barenboim); Saint-Saens: Carnival des animaux (Yefim Bronfman, JSO, Rodan, Esther Sofer); Bizet-Tschedich: Suite from Carmen (JSO, Sidney Harth); Ravel: Scherzade (Victoria de Los Angeles, JSO, Schneider); Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 2
12.00 Mendelssohn: Viola Sonata (Zeev Steinberg, Lilla Ziv); Ravel: String Quartet (Tel Aviv Quartet)
13.05 Excerpts from operettas by Suppé, Millocker, Raymond, Schroeder and Kallman
15.00 Vladimir Horowitz in a recording of a live performance
16.00 Youth Programme
16.30 The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra, with the Norwegian Soloist Choir, Avi

CINEMAS
JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Supergirl; Edlout: Beat Street; Hablaha: Savage Islands; Kfir: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 4, 6, 45, 9; Mitchell: Rope 7, 9; Orly: Blood Wedding, 9; The Fox and the Pussycat 4, 6; Orly: Zigzag Story 7, 9; Maya: The Bee 10.30 a.m.; Orna: Police Academy; Ron: Berrayal; Semadar: Terms of Endearment 7, 9, 15; Berrayal: Hallel: Year of Living Dangerously 7, 9; Chaim: One Little Prince 4; Olegov: S.30; Rocky Horror Picture Show 7, 45, 9.30; Israel Museum: Adventures in the Court of King Arthur 11 a.m.; Married Couple 6, 8.30; Chemat: Donald Duck 4; Atlantic City 9.30

TEL AVIV 5, 7, 9, 9.40
Albany: Gone With the Wind 4, 8; Be-Yehuda: Footloose; Kfir: Police Academy 5, 45, 7.30, 9.40; Maya Poppins 11, 1.45, 5.30; Orna: Breakdance 5, 7.40, 9.40; Queens: Two Yell 4.30, 7, 9.40; Class: Extremism II, 5, 7.40, 9.40; Delek: 1941 at 9.40; Drive-In: Maya the Bee 8.15; Culpa: sex film (2.15 midnight); Esther: Supergirl 11, 5, 7.30; Emma: melle 9.30; France: Institutes: Burning Land (Terre Brulante) 5, 7.15, 9.20; Cat: Romancing the Stone 5, 7.40, 9.40; Gordon: Runners 6, 7.50, 9.50; Once Upon a Time in the West 3.45; Hot: Beat Street; Lev: La Terza 2, 5, 7.30, 9.40; Lev: Il

Ostrovsky conducting, with Aman Wiesel, piano: Robin Weiss-Caputo, soprano; Odedo Partos: Concertino for String Orchestra; Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 18, in E-flat major, K.271; Faure: Requiem
19.00 From the Record Library
19.05 Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 1; Targa: Piece for Guitar; Salfine: In Memory of Guitara Pasta; Pasick: Chopin No. 1; Dolly, suite; Hovav: Suite (Philip Jones Brass Ensemble)
20.30 The Tzotzer Boys Choir, with the Israel Chamber Orchestra, Gerhard Schmidt-Gaden conducting — Pergolesi: Stabat Mater; Neri, ready made and photographs: News in Amigues; How to Study the Past (for children); Paley Centre, closed Saturdays; Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology, Ticho House, works by Anna Ticho, Harnukka lamps, library and garden cafe.
Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10-10, on the hour every hour, magic workshops for children. 11: Children's film, "Adventures in the Court of King Arthur." 3: Special guided tour of Shrine of the Book. 4: Children's show: Silent Stories by Pablo Ariz (5-9 yr. olds). 4.30: Guided tour in English. 6: Terrace Concert. Israel Brass Quintet. 7.30: Magic Workshop for Adults. Sleight of Hand. 6 and 8.30: Film, "Married Couple."

First Programme
6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9.30 Equinox — five family magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.10 Pops songs
11.30 Education for all
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.55 Children's programmes
15.23 Education for All
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 A Political Book
17.20 Everyman's University
18.05 Today — radio newswire
18.47 Bible Reading
19.05 Talmud Lesson
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Two by Two

Second Programme
7.00 This Morning — news magazine.
7.55 Olympia Magazine
8.05 Pops in Sanskrit
9.05 House Call — with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network
12.10 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Today — news commentary, music
14.06 A Taste of History — with Dan Kaner
16.10 The Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures
18.06 Health and Medicine Magazine
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today — radio newswire
19.30 New World — environment magazine
20.05 Cantorial Requests
22.05 Jazz Corner
23.05 First Person — with Dr. Emanuel Sharon, former director general of the Ministry of Finance

Arny
6.00 Morning Songs
6.10 Los Angeles 94
7.30 University on the Air
7.30 Today — with Alan Anstet
8.05 Morning Magazine
9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Reicher
11.05 Israeli Summer — with Eli Yezrael
12.05 Two Hours
15.05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Morning
17.05 Evening Magazine
18.05 Mile Stone — nature magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
21.00 Mahat TV Newswire
21.05 Live performance
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Classical Favourite
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

HAIFA 4.30, 7.15, 9.15
Amphibious Landing in Africa: Aronson Against All Odds 7, 9.15; Atzmon Super-girl; Chen: National Lampoon's Vacation; Merlino: Sven 7, 9; Orly: Beat Street; Orly: Flame It On Rio 9.15; Mary Poppins 11, 4, 6.30; Pops: Police Academy; Ron: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 4, 6.40, 9; Maya: The Bee 11 a.m.; Shirley Boy Takes Girl 4.30; Muddy Girl 4.30, 9.15, 9.30

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Police Academy 7.40, 9.40; Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp 4, 6; Lili: Return of Martin Guerre 7.15, 9.30; Maya the Bee 4; Oded: Romancing the Stone 5, 7.30, 9.40; Oded: Year of Living Dangerously 7, 9; Chaim: One Little Prince 4; Olegov: S.30; Rocky Horror Picture Show 7.45, 9.30; Israel Museum: Adventures in the Court of King Arthur 11 a.m.; Married Couple 6, 8.30; Chemat: Donald Duck 4; Atlantic City 9.30

HERZLIYA
David: Gorky Park 7.15, 9.30; Tivoli: Return of Martin Guerre 7.30, 9.30; Bed-Knob and Broomsticks 5
ROTON
Migdal: Risky Business 9.40; Mary Poppins 5, 7.15; Sawyer: Footloose 5, 7.30, 9.30

Money Matters

Bank shares push market higher

TEL AVIV. - Shares moved ahead yesterday under the impetus of gains in the "arrangement" sector of bank shares. Bonds were quietly firm in reduced volume.

The share market put in a mixed performance overall, with rising issues barely ahead of falling ones, but the General Share Index benefited from the gains in the group of bank shares covered by the "arrangement." These rises, while not spectacular, served to move the "arrangement" sector forward by the better part of 2 per cent, and the weight of this sector pulled the whole market with it.

The "free" market was generally dull, with some shares continuing to benefit from the attention of mutual fund managers, but no major trends emerging. Most issues are simply marking time, with no interest in the market as a whole or individual companies specifically.

The exceptions that prove the rule, as it were, were the Yumam and Galiel Zohar shares. The former soared almost 30 per cent, after being registered "buyers only" for two successive sessions. There has been no news to explain such a development. Galiel Zohar had a positive announcement, which accounts for the flurry of interest in the share, and indicates that not everyone is totally asleep.

Announcements:
The Dead Sea Works, one of the largest industrial companies quoted on the exchange, reported its results for the year ending March 31, 1984. The company's adjusted profits, after taking account of inflation, increased more than ten-fold, compared to 1982/83, from just over 157,000, to almost 157.3b. in March 1984 buying power. (Story on page 6).

Of this, IS5.95b. was the profit of the parent company, Dead Sea Works, and IS1.34b. was the contribution of the various subsidiaries. American-Israel Paper Mills, another of the senior industrial companies on the stock exchange, also published its earnings for the 1983/84 year. Profits, after adjustment for inflation, rose to IS135.4m. from last year's IS94.3m.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

Lachish Industries reported an adjusted profit of IS67.6m., up from IS43.4m. in the previous year. Matiyahu Lipshitz, the construction firm, informed the exchange that the Supreme Court issued a ruling on July 29, upholding the contract between the liquidators of the Kikar Levinsky Company and the Lipshitz and Hefziba building companies, concerning the purchase of the new central bus station in Tel Aviv.

Lipshitz's stake in the deal comes to 30 per cent, and the total cost of the purchase is \$5m., while the investment needed to complete the project is about \$30m. The project has two component parts, transport and commercial, the first part of which - the travel section - could be completed within two years. The company noted it is ready to begin work, and is waiting for the necessary permits.

In the same connection, Mar-Lez Building and Development, noted that the terms of a private placement between it and the contractor, Jona Mordechai, an owner of the Hefziba company which has 40 per cent of the central bus station project, include the following points:

Mordechai and the companies under his control would not undertake work outside of Jerusalem except through Mar-Lez.

The board members connected to Mordechai would not participate in votes involving deals between Mar-Lez and Mordechai.

Mordechai and his colleagues would give Mar-Lez, in any deal between them, the best terms they gave to any other party.

In view of this, Mar-Lez announced that it was awaiting a move on the part of Hefziba in this matter, which it would then discuss.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices
General Share Index 260.49 +1.27
Non-Bank Index 196.00 +0.36
Arrangement Bank Index 303.03 +1.63
Industrial 209.16 -0.11
Bond Index 249.73 +0.58

Turnovers
Shares ISS37.8m.
Bonds 151.65m.
Total 179.53m.

Bond market trends
4% fully-linked: Rises to 6%
3% fully-linked: Stable to 1-2% higher
80% linked: Stable/Rises to 3%
90% linked: Rises to 3%
Double-option: Rises to 3%
Dollar-linked: Mixed to 3%

Most Active Shares
Leumi 4211 IS105.3m. +140
Hapoalim 6560 IS97.8m. +160
Discount A 12560 IS53.0m. +200

Sharpest Moves
Yumam 485 +10 +29.3%
Amot 215 +33 +18.1%
Galiel Zohar 1207 +157 +15%

Jordan's Alia airline had \$2m. loss

AMMAN (Reuters). - Jordan's national airline, Alia, made a loss of over 727,000 dinars (about \$2 million) last year after 10 consecutive years of net profits, its annual report said.

Alia, set up 21 years ago, attributed the loss to high interest payments on long-term loans, currency fluctuations and reduced passenger and cargo traffic due to the Lebanon crisis and the Gulf war.

Alia's 1982 profits totalled 1.4m. dinars (\$3.6m.). Alia's long-term loans, obtained for the purchase of new planes and spares, totalled 154.5m. dinars (\$401.45m.), according to the report, which said interest expenses alone swallowed 14 per cent of revenues.

It said the number of passengers last year declined by 12.6 per cent, to 1.4 million over 1982, due mainly to the closure of Beirut airport, the Iraq-Iran war and the decline in the flow of Asian workers to the Middle East.

But the 1983 loss, the report said, was partly offset by a 24.2 per cent increase in Alia's transatlantic traffic. Alia earlier this year opened new routes to Los Angeles, Chicago and Singapore and obtained a \$17m. loan from the Export-Import Bank and a consortium of Kuwaiti banks to buy more Tristar passenger jets.

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Change
OHF	3440	+120
Maritime	328	+32
Maritime P.	321	+15
N. American	1743	+24
N. American P.	1216	+12
N. Amer. op	2165	+10
Dunlop	301	+16
Dunlop P.	77	+5
Dunlop op	205	+18
First Int'l	397	+280
FIBI	346	+7

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

Bank	Price	Change
IDB	9940	+494
IDB P.	9940	+20
IDB op	64500	+2500
Union P.	7280	+56
Discount B	12790	+12
Discount A	12560	+421
Discount B	1480	+109
Leumi	3950	+118
Mizrahi	3995	+15
Mizrahi P.	1842	+292

Real Estate, Building

Company	Price	Change
Real Estate	556	+199
Real Estate P.	556	+199
Real Estate op	556	+199
Building	556	+199
Building P.	556	+199
Building op	556	+199

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Price	Change
Adami	1145	+14
Adami P.	1145	+14
Adami op	1145	+14
Gen. Mortgage	1287	+6
Gen. Mortgage P.	1287	+6
Gen. Mortgage op	1287	+6

Financial Institutions

Institution	Price	Change
Shilon	76	+657
Shilon P.	76	+657
Shilon op	76	+657
Agri. C.	13250	+13250
Agri. C. P.	13250	+13250
Agri. C. op	13250	+13250

Insurance

Company	Price	Change
Arich	450	+89
Arich P.	450	+89
Arich op	450	+89
Arach sub deb	5140	+200
Arach sub deb P.	5140	+200
Arach sub deb op	5140	+200

Trade & Services

Company	Price	Change
Inter-Gamma	300	+70
Inter-Gamma P.	300	+70
Inter-Gamma op	300	+70
Meir Extra	634	+107
Meir Extra P.	634	+107
Meir Extra op	634	+107

Industrials

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Hadar	220	+65
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Food and Tobacco

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Hotels, Tourism

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Galiel Zohar	1207	+19
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Textiles and Clothing

Company	Price	Change
Off	161	+79
Off P.	161	+79
Off op	161	+79
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Computers

Company	Price	Change
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Herzog steps in

ARE OUR political parties fiddling away at coalition politics while our economy burns?

That may be slightly exaggerated but anyone familiar with the true dimensions to which our economic crisis has grown during an overlong election campaign will know that it is not far from the truth.

Our political leaders have taken between five and eight weeks on the average, following the past ten elections, to form government coalitions and to present them for Knesset approval. The time is usually spent in wars of nerves between the two major parties at the beginning, and then between the major party forming the coalition and its prospective junior coalition partners.

On the basis of the past week's experience there is every indication that the parties plan to conduct a similar drawn-out war of nerves this time, too.

Given the urgent need to adopt and implement a coherent economic policy, this business-as-usual attitude is something the country can no longer afford.

It is in this context that President Herzog should be praised and supported for seeking to speed up the negotiating process and infuse it with a sense of urgency.

Other parliamentary systems such as Britain's take a few hours to form a new government following the announcement of election returns. In other more complex coalition systems it takes days, but not weeks or months.

Everything that will be known in eight weeks' time about the options and preferences of our plethora of parties and of the possible permutations among them is known today. What is lacking is the sense of urgency on the part of our political leaders, who once they become leaders of the nation, will be pleading with us, the citizenry, to behave in responsible fashion taking the national interest always into account. They must be held to the same standards of responsibility.

The options open before the president are quite clear. If the Likud can present solid evidence today or tomorrow that it has the support of 61 MKs for a government headed by Yitzhak Shamir, President Herzog will entrust him with the task of forming the next government.

If the Likud falls short of that goal, the president can either call on Shimon Peres to form a government that may in the first instance depend on the support of the two Arab lists as the basis for a broader government that would enlist the support of other parties at a second stage.

Alternatively, the president can press the two major parties to form a government of national unity to which they have been paying lip service since before the elections.

For the first time ever, the President of the State, a position which was originally conceived as that of a figurehead, has the power to decisively affect the process of creating a government. That he has chosen to exercise that power is certainly in the public's best interest.

Towards the fringe

By SHEVAH WEISS

THE MOST conspicuous trend evident in the results of the elections for the 11th Knesset is the move from the major blocs to the extremes of the political map.

The 11th Knesset will be the most fractured of all Knessets with 15 factions ranging from the extreme right to the extreme left.

Neither of the major parties is capable of setting up a majority rule, and the possibility of forming a coalition is also becoming increasingly complicated.

The hard core of the Likud is made up of 41 mandates of its own, five - Tehiya; two - Morasha; = 48 mandates. The hard core of the Alignment is made up of 44 mandates of its own, three - Shinui; three - CRM = 50 mandates.

In the centre there are no less than five factions: NRP; Shas; Agudat Israel; Yahad; Ometz - part of them neutralizing one another.

EVEN AT THIS early stage it is possible to describe the main shifts of voting. The votes have moved from the major blocs to the extremes

of the political map. The Likud has lost about 5 per cent of its power. The major part of its supporters went in the direction of Tehiya.

The Alignment has lost a little more than 1 per cent, part of its lost votes have gone to CRM, Shinui and Lova Eliav. These three lists led an open, cynical and sometimes even crude campaign against the Alignment.

Shulamit Aloni said on one occasion on television that "the Likud is the evil and the Alignment is the lesser of the two evils."

She also attacked Yitzhak Rabin in person. Mordechai Virshubski said in most of his TV and radio appearances: "Why take a pill against nausea and vote Alignment? Vote Shinui without a pill."

The votes of Tami, which has lost two-fifths of its power (2.3 per cent to 1.5 per cent) went to Shas, Yahad and even to the Alignment.

Yahad and Ometz have absorbed most of Telem's votes. Agudat Israel has lost half of its power to Shas. Since the elections for the eighth Knesset (1973) there has been a

strong correlation between voting and community affiliation.

In 1981 the Alignment was supported by 36.8 per cent of voters from the established urban centres, and the Likud by 39.7 per cent. Votes from the poorer neighbourhoods in these cities tilted the balance slightly in favour of the Likud. In new development towns this trend was even stronger: Alignment 29.5 per cent, Likud 49 per cent; in the older moshavim: Alignment 64.9 per cent; Likud 14.2; in the new moshavim: Alignment 35.5 per cent; Likud 32.9 per cent.

IN THE present elections these main trends have not changed significantly. The Likud is still powerful in new urban centres.

In Israel the percentage poll is one of the highest in the democratic world. This time it was also very high - 78 per cent.

The growing practice of public polls for the use of parties and the press (written and electronic) requires reconsideration. The need for

Dry Bones



scientific soothsayers and oracles of behavioral science is ridiculous. Side by side with the prophets of public opinion polls, there have also appeared all kinds of futurists, astrologists and magicians. For Israeli society which is very temperamental and has a strong

tendency towards changing moods, a rich diet of public opinion polls is not very healthy. In the ballot itself they prove to be worthless.

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The way out of stalemate

By PAUL EIDELBERG

unity is desirable.

Not only does proportional representation fragment and enervate the executive; it also renders executive or cabinet responsibility virtually impossible. Needed in Israel is a unitary, not a plural, executive resulting from coalition cabinet government.

Accordingly, I have proposed the establishment of a presidential system of government comparable to that of the United States. (The Jerusalem Post, March 26, 1984.)

Here are some of the salient points of the proposal.

FIRST, the president should be elected separately in a national election. He should be the direct choice of the people, not of a party.

Second, he should have a fixed, four-year term of office to coincide

with a four-year term for the Knesset. This would preclude the president from dissolving the Knesset and, conversely, the Knesset from overturning the government by a vote of no-confidence. The government could then act with less distraction, hence with greater energy or effectiveness.

Third, the president should be eligible for re-election in order to attract men of vision and facilitate the formulation and execution of comprehensive and long-range national policies. Consistent therewith, the president would appoint, with the advice and consent of the Knesset, the members of the cabinet.

Now we come to the knotty but not intractable problem - that of

nomination. Without any change in the system of proportional representation in the Knesset, each party or party-bloc having a prescribed number of parliamentary seats - say 10 - would nominate a candidate for the presidency some time prior to the scheduled quadrennial elections. The names of the candidates would be placed on a national ballot.

If any candidate receives a majority of the votes cast by the electorate, he of course would be president. If no one receives a majority, the two candidates having the largest number of votes would compete in a run-off election.

The president-elect would nominate a vice-president from, and with the consent of, the newly elected Knesset, where coalition majorities would form as they presently do.

NOW, IT IS evident to all that the results of the July 23 elections have made it virtually impossible to establish a solid and stable cabinet, one capable of formulating and executing comprehensive and long-range public policies. I therefore propose, the following way out of Israel's present dilemma: Labour and the Likud should form a "government of national unity" for the sole purpose of transforming the present, inept system of coalition cabinet government to the presidential system outlined above. The Knesset would then proceed to nominate candidates for the presidency.

If, as previously intimated, various small parties combine and form blocs for nominating candidates other than the leaders of the Labour and Likud parties, so be it.

The above proposal would not only promote cabinet solidarity and responsibility, but competency and civility. Moreover, such a cabinet, working under presidential leadership, would diminish dangerous divisions in the country; divisions exploited by Israel's enemies, while undermining the confidence of Israel's friends.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS AN ORGANIZATION of U.S. Jewish amateur radio operators held their annual buffet brunch in Delaware Valley recently, serving a "wide range of delicious and traditional foods," according to a press release received in Jerusalem. The release continued that 129 participants attended, "including hams from Washington, Delaware, North and South New Jersey and Philadelphia."

We trust that the hams were not on the table, but were radio amateurs listening to the entertainment, which was provided by klezmerim.

PS THE TRUMPET which sounded the charge at the battle of Omdurman in 1898 and three medals awarded to the trumpeter were sold at auction in London recently for £4,200.

The charge, sounded by Sgt. trumpeter Frederick Knight of the 21st Lancers, has been called the last classic cavalry charge in the history of warfare.

Riding in the Anglo-Egyptian charge against Sudanese dervishes was the young Winston Churchill.

PS THE RECENT World Leadership Conference for Jewish Education in Jerusalem reminded one of our readers of the first World Conference for Jewish Education which was held in July-August 1947 at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. It was attended by 153 delegates from Britain, the U.S., South Africa, India, Australia and many European countries. The meeting opened in the amphitheatre. Sir Leon Simon, chairman of the executive committee of the Hebrew University was one of the heads of the conference, assisted by, among others, Joseph Bentwich, assistant director of education in the government of Palestine.

Differences between the problems of Jewish education in Palestine and in the Diaspora were stressed. The general attitude of most delegates was that only by aid from the Yishuv could Jewish education abroad be firmly established.

Highly praised were the Jewish Youth Study Groups Summer and Winter Schools in England which began in 1943, and which are still continuing today.

Hundreds of ex-study groupers have since come on Aliya.

PS A KIBBUTZNIK from Upper Galilee writes: "I have just returned from a visit to Tel Aviv. I very much enjoyed strolling along the new seashore promenade, but one thing disturbed me very much. All along the beach are big signs which tell us that in some places bathing is 'permitted' while in others it is 'dangerous'. Is there no one to check the English before the signs are put up?"

J.H.K.

READERS' LETTERS

APPEAL TO THE MEDIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I am appealing to all members of the press, radio and TV to consider the following proposal:

No intelligent person in this country failed to feel shocked revulsion at the election of Meir Kahane, who calls himself a rabbi. Until now, he was considered an eccentric who did not know what he was talking about. Now he has acquired a platform and he will exploit it fully.

The image of Kahane, the son of yordim from Safad, who made aliya when the Jews of America had enough of him, is an insult to every citizen of this country. He is ready to resort to any atrocity, however it may besmirch Israel's good name in the world, and his only incentive is a craving for publicity. For the sake of publicity, he is ready to do anything, to include any madman amongst his followers. And now that Israeli democracy will extend the protection of parliamentary immunity to him, there will be no limit to his mad frenzy.

I suggest that the Israeli media should hit him where it will hurt most, by withholding the publicity he so craves.

Whatever he does, whatever he says in his speeches, in the street or in the Knesset, let his name not be mentioned. Let all of us - press, radio and TV - cover his words and deeds with silence.

Let no member of the Knesset remain in the plenum if he mounts the rostrum.

Let us not mention the name of the man who perverts the image of our state, of which we are so proud.

Y.A. COV TSUR

Jerusalem.

BLACKMAIL IN DIVORCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Last Levi's article of July 22, "A Matter of Authority," points out that Rabbi Meron, director of the Rabbinical Courts, states that a partner in an unhappy marriage whose mate refuses to terminate it, has three choices. "They can accept their fate and make the marriage work after all; they can accept their fate and live apart from their spouse; they can buy their divorce."

In the first two choices, Rabbi Meron has the power, through his interpretation of the Halacha, to seal the fate of many unfortunate people. What a frightening power!

In the third choice, "Meron knows," I quote, "that this last route means extortion, and he does not claim that it is in the spirit of Jewish

INCREASE THE QUALIFYING THRESHOLD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - David Kravine is right when he states in his article, "The necessity for electoral reform" (July 25), that "increasing the qualifying threshold from one per cent of the vote to three or four per cent would not solve the problem." However, increasing it to five per cent would definitely solve it, since it corresponds to six seats. Had this been the case, the 11th Knesset would have consisted of only the two main parties (Alignment and Likud) with all the rest eliminated. The democratic character of the Knesset would not suffer greatly by being deprived of the voices of the two Meirs (Kahane and Wilner). As to the religious parties, they could have proper representation if, in the future, they

unite into a single party.

The figure of five per cent for the qualifying threshold is not going to set an international precedent. The Federal Republic of Germany, after the bitter experience of the Weimar Republic, introduced a five per cent qualifying threshold and was successfully operating with a three-party system (now increased to four, after the addition of the Greens). England, too, has a three-party system and the United States manages with only two.

If these great democracies can manage with only two or three parties, is it absolutely necessary for little Israel to have 15 parties in the Knesset?

Dr. JACOB ROSIN

Netanya.

NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - What a sorry mess we've got ourselves into! Surely, all of us who have to live with the political tragedy our system of Knesset elections has brought us to, can see that the time for changing that system is long overdue.

The only hope I can see in the present unhappy state of affairs is a national unity government brought into being for a limited period (say one year) in order to realize certain programmes that both major political blocs could agree upon:

1) An early withdrawal from Lebanon, which now appears to be the aim of both major parties after all we have been through in that unhappy country.

2) The introduction of the necessary measures to stabilize our tottering economy. The advantages of this being done by a broad-based government are obvious. The drastic steps required would not then bring down the wrath of the public on one or the other party. For once, we could hope that the good of the country would be the name of the game and not party politics.

3) The raising of the threshold of votes required for a party to enter the Knesset to at least double the present number. The one-man factions who got in this time should not be allowed to impede this.

4) The introduction of new legislation to change the electoral sys-

tem on the basis of Gad Yacobi's bill, with a committee of judges to work out the most effective system suitable to our country's needs.

Controversial issues, such as new settlements in the territories, should be left in abeyance during this period, otherwise the national unity government would not be able to function. It might be possible during this time to strengthen those settlements which both the Alignment and the Likud agree are necessary to Israel's security needs.

On the thorny problem of who should head such a wall-to-wall coalition, the period could be split with Peres at the helm for six months and Shamir for the remaining six months. Alternatively, a third person whom both parties could agree upon might act as head of government.

Finally, at the end of this limited period, new elections should be held and only then we could hope for a truly representative and workable Knesset.

MITZI KLEIN

Jerusalem.

PENFRIENDS
KRIS LEE (27), of 16 Siddal View, Halifax, Yorkshire HX3 9BN, England, would like to correspond with a kibbutznik. She is recently married and her hobbies are health foods, jogging and rock music.

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